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#### Kurdish rebels vow 'hell' for Turkey

BAR ELIAS, Lebenon (R) — Kurdish rebels yowed on Friday to turn 1992 into "a year of hell" for the Turkish state. "We wil" step up tnilitary operations against the Turkish army until the Turks yield to the political solution," a senior aide to Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) chief Abdullah solution," a senior aide to Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) chief Abdullah Ocalan told thousands of Kurds in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, site of a PKK training camp. "Operations will be condinuous... the year 1992 will be a year of hell for the Turkish state," he told the rally in the town of Bar Elias 48 kilometres southeast of Beirut, to mark the 13th anniversary of the PKK's founding. Mr. Ocalan said in an interview published Thursday his guerrillas were no longer trying to establish an independent state in mainly Kurdish southeast Turkey. But he vowed to keep up the violeat struggle unless the new coalition government in Ankara made concessions. "Through our long and hard struggle led by commander Ocalan we have reached this stage which we can call the stage of establishing the state." the PKK aide said, in apparent contrast to Mr. Ocalan's remarks. "Even if we wanted to, we could not break off from Turkey," Mr. Ocalan's remarks.
"Even if we wanted to, we could not break off from Turkey," Mr. Ocalan told the English-language Turkish Daily News. "We have 900 years of togetherness with Turkey,"

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face-to-face negotiations between

trolling their own internal affairs,

"Although we are satisfied

with the positive developments in

the Palestine problem following

the easing of world tension, we

cannot be over-optimistic at this

early stage," the King said. "It is

true that the end of the cold war

has enhanced the process of

world peace, but Palestine prob-

lem is not solved yet and interna-

tional legitimacy bas not been

implemented and the positive in-

ternational developments have

the King said.

## King: Israeli leaders fear just peace since Arab cause is right

If peace efforts fail, results will not be limited to M.E. Jordan committed to democracy and people will be the final judge of their future

### King calls for meetings at highest level among Arabs

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein said Friday Israel was adopting procrastination tactics in the peace process because of their leaders' fears of a just peace in the Middle East and that the Arab cause was just and had

right on its side. The King, in an inteview on Middle East Broadcasting Cor-. poration (MBC), also reaffirmed

### Arabiyat tipped for , reelection as speaker

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - With only one day left before the Lower House deputies elect their speaker for their 1991-1992 session, all indicators point to the reelection of the incumbent, Abdul Latif Arabiyat.

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With four candidates vying for the position, Dr. Arabiyat, the Muslim Brotherhood candidate, has the strongest chance of success, par-liamentary observers noted Friday. The three other candidates all refused to drop out of the race in favour of a condition candidate and after inter-bloc consultations failed to pro-

duce a new alliance, some said "bad lood" had resulted. "The Democratic Bloc, for example, is furious that the National Bloc did not agree to support their candi-date and insisted on fielding its own candidate." said one observer. The National Bloc has received the sup-

port of the Democratic Bloc during the two last elections for the speakership and the latter expects to be "The gentlemen have agreed to disagree and the issue is not an ideological one but a personal repaid for its support.

logical one but a personal one," is how one insider put it.

Abdul Majeed Shreideh of the 17nember Constitution Bloc, Suleim

tration, particularly President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, were determined to achieve a just peace in

the Middle East. In the wide-ranging interview, the King reiterated Jordan's commitment to democracy despite problems and difficulties and

Abdul Latit Arabiyat

but the bloc's snoker

Arar of the 16-member National Bloc and Faris Nabulsi of the nine-member

Democratic Bloc all said that they

would stay in the race for speak-

er reported Friday the Constitution Bloc had decided to withdraw its

candidate in favour of Dr. Arabiyat,

Tuemeh, denied that such a decision

had been made. A Constitution Bloc

meeting Friday night, he said, re-sulted in a decision to "keep our

The Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspap-

his belief that the U.S. adminis- any reversal of the democratisation process. "The people will have the final say," be said. The King warned that if the

peace process does not produce a peace acceptable to the future generation, then frustration might lead the Middle East to brink of a disaster which will not be limited to the region but will vowed that there would not be affect the whole world.

The King expressed hope that Jordan's relations with some Arab countries, strained during the Gulf crisis, would be improved once the facts of the Jordanian position during the crisis become clear. He called for meetings between Arab leaders, "at the highest level." to remove differences in the interests of the



lation of n transcript of the interview provided by MBC to the Jordan Times:

Q: Your Majesty, we have many questions. We want first to ask you about peace. We have noticed that Jordan was the first to accept the

(Continued on page 5) This conference, which has

won unanimous world support, is aimed to bring about justice and a

durable settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the restoration of Arab rights and lands, the

King said,

King Hussein has sent a letter to

the United Nations committee

charged with helping the Palesti-

nian people exercise their inalien-

able rights, calling for justice in

the Middle East and belp for the

Palestinians regain their rights

In his letter, sent on the Day of International Solidarity with the

Palestinian People, King Hussein

noted that the observation of the

day this year coincides with a

series of international develop-

ments of paramount importance

unprecedented since the begin-

The King said that last month

witnessed the convening in Mad-

rid of n Middle East peace confer-

ence sponsored by the two super-

powers in order to implement

U.N. Security Council resolu-

tions 242 and 338.

ning of the Palestine problem.

and usurped territory.

U.N. should play full role in peace process, Jordan says AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty the Arab-Israeli conflict, the conference has opened the way for the Palestinian people's rights and rejects the idea of exchanging

the Palestinian and the Israeli land for peace. Israel is also pursuing its settleparties aiming to reach agreement in one year's time on a ment policies in occupied lands peaceful transitional process, despite the world's tendency to enabling the Palestinians to exer- attain peace in the region, be cise their natural rights of conadded.

The King said that Israel seeks to keep the United Nations as a world organisation devoid of power in the peace-making process but the Arabs believe that the U.N. role should not remain

marginal in this process. The King said that the Security Council should remain the tool for implementing U.N. resolntions and therefore it should take control of the Palestine problem and assume the real responsibility of ensuring peace and stability based on international legitima

not been coupled with a change in He said that the U.N. should the ideology of Israel towards the Arab-Israeli conflict," King Husensure the restoration of the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland.

The King called for interna-He said that while Arabs and tional efforts to help the fulfil-Palestinians bave responded favourably to the peace conferment of justice and peace and end In recognition of the import- ence, Israel remains adamant and Israel's occupation of Arab terri-

### Palestinian team to head for U.S. regardless of Israeli stand

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Palestinian delegates and advisors to peace talks with Israel arrived in Amman Friday for coordination meetings with Jordanian officials and delegates ahead of their departure for Washington Monday and reaffirmed that they would be present in the U.S. capital on Dec. 4 ready for negotiations with the Jewish state whether or not the Israeli delegates turned up.
Sari Nusseibeh, a professor in phi-

losophy and leading Palestman activist, is the overall head of the team for the Washington talks instead of Faisal Husseim," who led the Palestmans to the Oct. 30 opening in Madrid of the Middle East peace conference. Palestinian officials explained that

Mr. Husseini was staying back in occupied Jerusalem for local cooring the delegation did in no way signal any rift in the Palestinian ranks. They pointed out that both Mr. Husteini the Palestinian "guidance commit-

"Who we vote for if our candidate Comments made by Palestinian dedoes not make h through the first legates and others highlighted that they were relishing the gain the Israelis gave them by attacking condiround of voting has not been de-cided," he said of the bloc's possible alliance during a second round of tions and demands in their response Parliamentary observers believe to the American invitation to the that there would be support from the Constitution Bloc for Dr. Arabiyat Washington talks.

In an arrival statement, Hanan Ashrawi, spokesperson for the Palestinian delegation, said the Arabe

to the negotiations with Israel were going to Washington whether or not Israel accepts to go and Israel alone will take blame for aborting the peace process by rejecting the U.S. invita-

Israel said initially that while it accepted Washington as the venue for the next round of bilateral talks, which were launched in Madrid. Dec. 4 was not an acceptable date. It suggested Dec. 9 but demanded that the talks move to the Middle East quickly after the Washington round. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Friday signalled a change of heart and suggested that Israel might send a

> ton if the U.S. hosts suggested it as a means to break the deadlock (see separate story).
> In her arrival comments, made before the Shamir statement, Dr. Ashrawi accused Israel of "trying to impose its will and conditions on

low-level advance team to Washing-

asserted that the Jewish state was isolating itself from international diplomacy and stood to lose s lot." However, she added that she expected Israel to change it position to vert such isolation.

Haidar Abdul Shafi, head of the negotiating team, said meanwhile that the Palestinians would wait at the negotiating table until Israel showed

up.
"If they are not going to come until
the ninth (as Israel originally suggested) we are going to wait," Dr.
Abdul Shafi, a physician from the occupied Gaza Strip, was quoted as

saying by Reuters. "We will go to the negotiating table and sit there and wait," he said.

Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinains and Syria — the main four protogon-ists of Israel — all have agreed to go to Washington. The Syrian agree-ment was announced in Damascus by Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa

Political observers expected Israel what appears to be a gradual build-up to a serious confrontation with Washington over the issue, to shift its position and seek a facesaving formula. They saw Friday's Shamir statement as a definite step in this direction.

. The Palestinians affirmed that they would resist any Israeli pressure to shift the venue for talks to the Middle negotiations and would also demand a freeze in Israel's settlement activities in the occupied territories.

ments," said Nabil Shath, a senior advisor to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. "Without this we will not consider, any progress has been made. Dr. Shath was quoted as saying by Reuters.

Dr. Ashrawi echoed the words and said that "only when you have a situation of equilibrium and free-dom" the Palestinians would agree to shifting the venue to the Middle East. Dr. Abdul Shafi said he expected "difficult oegotiations" with the

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#### ance of the Palestinian issue in continues to adhere to its intran-Peace talks will start Dec. 4 with or without Israel—Bush

FREDERICK, Maryland (R) -President George Bush said Friday that Middle East peace talks would open in Washington on Dec. 4 whether or not the Israelis show up to participate.

"I don't know who's going to show on Dec. 4, but we're going to get the talks going," Mr. Bush told reporters as he shopped for Christmas gifts in Frederick. which is near the Camp David presidential retreat.

Israel, angry at failing to win U.S. backing for its demand that the talks be in the Middle East, said this week it would not be ready to resume talking to the Arabs until Dec. 9. The Bush administration refused to alter

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday that Israel would consider sending a low-level advance team to the talks. But he said that "someone," apparently the U.S. hosts, would have to propose the

idea, to break a deadlock over tween Israel and Arab delega-

Israel on Wednesday insisted the session be put back to Dec. 9, in a move denounced by the Arabs and rejected by Washington which said the Dec. 4 arrangements stood.

Seeking \$10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees, Israel is anxious despite its refusal to negotiate n Israeb editors.

Asked by reporters if Israel might send n low-level team for talks next week, to be followed by a full delegation on Dec. 9, Mr. Shamir said in English:

"Nobody's proposed it until this day. Maybe somebody will come and raise such an idea. We

hinted the United States was the

the second round of talks be- Washington, and if something new turns up, something new may happen here also."

Mr. Shamir said the government so far had no intention of amending its demand for a fiveday delay, but he acknowledged the issue might be raised at a weekly cabinet meeting on Sun-

He was responding to questo avoid upsetting its chief ally, tions at an annual lunch with

land-for-peace deal with the Palestinian negotiators arrived in Amman Friday and from there will go to Washington for the resumed talks, also accepted by Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

The Palestinians have urged the United States to pressure Israel to attend on Dec. 4.

"We are going to be faced all the time with delays unless the co-sponsors will take a firm posi-The bardline Israeli leader tion in putting some serious

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### Barzani · holds talks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — Kurdish re-bel leader Massond Barzani held talks with senior Iraqi government figures on Friday, expected to cover fresh tension in northern Iraq and the slow pace of progress towards a new autonomy

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Mr. Barzani met Izzat Ibrahim, vice-chairman of the ruling Revolution Command Council, Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz and Defence Minister Ali Hassan Al Majeed.

A spokesman for Mr. Barzani's Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) in London said Thursday he hoped the talks would ease tension caused by an economic blockade it accuses Baghdad of clamping on the north.

INA gave no details of what Mr. Barzani discussed but it was the first time Iraq's official media had mentioned his current visit. Mr. Barzani is co-leader with Jalal Talabani of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, an umbrella group which has been discussing a new autonomy deal with Baghdad

a Kurdish rebellion in March this Mr. Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), says n draft autonomy pact negotiated by Mr. Barzani fails to meet the minimum demands of Knrdish

since government troops crushed

leaders. These include large areas of land which Kurds claim as theirs, especially the oil-rich region around Kirkuk, which is outside the proposed autonomous region.

Diplomats noted that the gov-

## Iraq recalls its effort, assails 'double standard'

BAGHDAD (R) — President Saddam Hussein complained Friday that the West was scrapping Iraq's most lethal weapons but allowed Israel to keep a nuclear

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The Iraqi leader said in a letter marking Palestinian solidarity day that the West had double standards towards the Middle Iraq's chemical, nuclear, balbs-

tic and biological weapons are being scrapped by United Nations experts under terms of the Gulf war ceasefire. The presidential letter and commentaries in the official

media reminded Iraq's 18 million people that Iraq tried in vain to ink the Gulf crisis to a Middle East peace settlement and was now ignored in current U.S.-led"What the Iraqi and Palesti-

nian people face has shown the world the double standards of the USA and its allies in dealing with the resolutions and laws of the United Nations," the president

"There is an American and Western campaign trying to pre-vent the (Middle East) region from baving even conventional weapons and an especially poisonous campaign against Iraq," said the letter, published in Al Thawra, organ of the ruling Baath

"They allow the aggressive Zionist regime to keep all kinds of weapons of mass destruction. including an arsenal of nuclear weapons." he wrote.

Al Thawra recalled that on Aug. 12, 1990, Iraq made its offer to the West in the wake of its occupation of Kuwait.

"America rejected a link between the issues of the region, despite the fact that the whole world welcome President Saddam Hussein's initiative," it said.
It said Iraq had been punished

by the Gulf war and subsequent U.N. sanctions "because Iraq provided the means and in balance that would allow the international community to establish a

real peace." President Saddam's letter accused the West of refusing to force Israel to implement United Nations resolutions ordering it to

enforced sanctions "and other unjust pressure" on Iraq. He called on the world to maintain support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), denied a direct role in the Middle East peace talks which began in Madrid last month.

We should support the Palestinian people and its struggle represented in the intifada. which expresses the rejection by the Palestinian people of the occupation and settlement policy of the Zionist entity," President Saddam said.

Al Thawra likened the Palestinian uprising of the spirit of the "mother of all battles," Iraq's term for the Gulf war. 'Iraq's blood has not yet dried

#### leave occupied Arab territories at and mingles with Palestinian the same time as it vigorously blood which flows daily," it said.

#### Army quits barracks; Croatia agrees to U.N. troops smoothly. All previous agreerebelled. Battles erupted only

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (R) — The Yugoslav army began with-drawing from two military bases in Croatia Friday after the rebel republic offered to allow United Nations peacekeepers into troub-lespots on its soil.

The pullout from the bases in the Croatian capital Zagreb is crucial to the success of a truce after five months of fighting and the gesture by Croatian President Franjo Tudjman raised optimism before a visit by U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance.

Mr. Vance will arrive this weekend to try to forge an agreement between Serbia, Croatia and the Serbian-led federal army on how and where to deploy a

U.N. peacekeeping force. Hopes were also raised by a lull in fighting under the 14th ceasem Zagreb. fire since Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia in June and its Serbian minority

around Nova Gradiska and Lipik

A line of European Community (EC) monitors, Croatian police and a few bystanders watched as a convoy of 200 tanktracked vehicles, lorries, jeeps and buses rumbled out of the Marshal Tito Barracks in Zagreb. Some 135 army vehicles also left the Kerestinec rocket base on the ontskirts of the city and headed slowly south towards the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

ered flag was quickly hoisted at "Today's convoy will serve as a test convoy," said Ed Koestal, spokesman for the EC monitors

Croatia's red and white che-

He said tanks and beavy weapons will be removed later Friday provided everything went ments to evacuate the barracks have broken down. The army and Croatian offi-

cials were due to resume talks Friday on exchanging prisoners.

The lifting of Croatian block-ades of federal military bases on its territory is a key part of the U.N.-brokered ceasefire which came into force last Sunday.

The U.N. says it will send a peacekeeping force to Yugoslavia only if the truce holds and the warring sides agree how they should be deployed. Mr. Tudjman reversed his posi-

tion on Thursday night by saying Croatia would accept peacekeep ing forces in crisis areas of the republic. He had previously said they should be posted only along its borders. The war in Croatia has be-

come a world-scale problem and

the consequence of this will be

the deployment of U.N. peacekeeping forces in the country," Mr. Todjman said in a television interview. "We simultaneously agreed

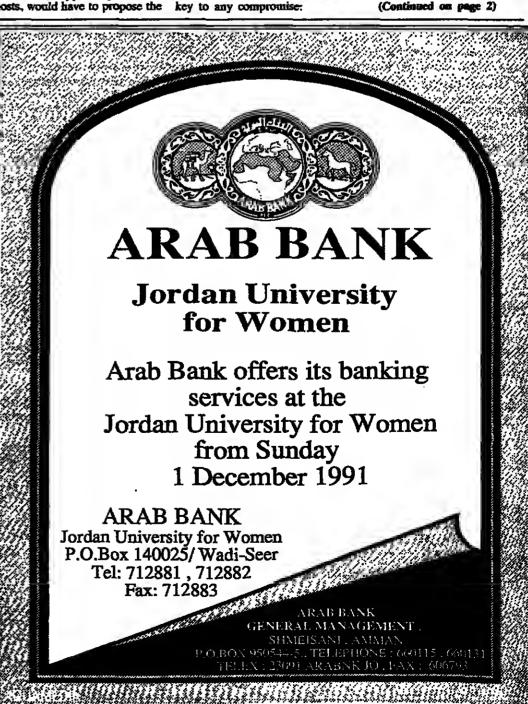
that peacekeeping forces be deployed along Croatia's borders and in crisis areas where military operations are being waged." Western diplomats said Mr. Tudiman appeared to have accepted he had no option but to let peacekeeping forces into

flashpoints. His republic's forces

have suffered a series of military

setbacks and lost about one third

of Croatia's territory. "It was unreal to expect that they would be deployed only along republic borders because peacekeeping forces have never in any situation been used as mere border guards," said Hrvoje Kacic, head of the Crostian parliament's foreign policy



### Syrian Jews stage pro-Assad march through Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian Jews, carrying loyalty banners in Hebrew, English and Arabic, marched through Damascus on Friday to back President Hafez Al Assad, up for reelection.

It was the second pro-Assad rally in as many days by the eapital's Jewish community, chiefly market traders and crafts-

Syrians have joined hundreds of large and small rallies day and night throughout the Arab state since Mr. Assad was nominated 12 days ago for a fourth seven-

He is the only candidate in yes-or-no ballot on Dec. 2, A 2,000-strong column of Jews voiced praise for Mr. Assad as a

great national leader The marchers, led by Ibrahim Hamra, chief of the Jewish community and grand rabbi, and members of the Jewish Council in Damascus hailed Mr. Assad's achievements by shouting slogans in Arabic with Damscene ac-

Over 400 children from the Jewish "Maymoun" school carried pictures of Mr. Assad and coloured balloons and called out: "With our souls and blood we redeem thee Hafez."

There are 3,000 Jews in Damascus, 850 in the northern city of Aleppo and some 150 in the northeastern city of Kameshli on the Iraqi border. Damascus has 21 small synagogues.

Hundred of Damascus Jews demonstrated Wednesday night in support of Mr. Assad's reelec-

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KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese

leader Lientenant General Omar

Hassan Al Bashir has granted a

one-month general amnesty to

rehels of the southern-based

Sudan People's Liberation Army

(SPLA), state radio said Friday.

while addressing a public rally in

the town of Damazin on the

It quoted Gen. Bashir as saying

the amnesty, which runs from

Thursday, was the rebels' last

chance to come home and take

part in the development and re-

It gave no deails of the terms of

Gen. Bashir, who took power

the annesty and did not say how

in a military coup in 1989, ac-

cused the SPLA of being a racist

movement bent on secession and

had vowed to crush it completely

The SPLA has been fighting

the Sudanese army in southern Sudan since 1983. Military

analysts say there is little chance

either side can win the low-level

The main SPLA faction, under

Colonel John Garang, advocates

a united secular Sudan while a

group led by Riak Machar and

Lam Akol favours separating the

predominantly African, animist

and Christian south from the

The governor of southern

Sudan's Equatoria state was

quoted on Friday as saying 201

Muslim and Arab north.

it would be organised.

by the end of the year.

Ethiopian border, it said.

Gen. Bashir made the offer

A noisy procession of at least 100 honking cars plastered with flags, posters and pictures of the president crawled down the old city's narrow Medhat Pasha Street to the Bab Sharki (Eastern Gate) in mid-evening.

Each car was jammed with people, including women, children and old people.

Israel often complains that Syria's Jews are prevented from emigrating and says most would leave if they could. But Eli Khouri, one of Wednesday's demonstrators, asked whether he would go, said: "No, no. Maybe somebody but I don't know.

He said Syrian Jews were able to travel abroad, but like other Syrians, forbidden to visit Israel.

The demonstrators on Friday marched through Old Damascus from the Jewish Al Ameen district in the eastern sector to other areas populated with Christian and Muslim communities.

People there joined the demonstrators, bringing the number of marchers to over 4,000. They were festooned with rice and flowers thrown by wellwishers

from balconie Chief Rabbi Hamra shouted with other demonstrators: 'Hafez Assad is the symbol of

national unity.' He told reporters Syria's Jews had benefited from many accomplishments during Mr. Assad's

The Jewish community will say yes to President Assad on

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only the responsibility of the govern-ment but also of all people. For regard other economic problems we ntinue forward guarded by all. The people will be the judge. Q: It has been noted in the last thr to four months that in the politica world and especially from our Arab brothers. Israel is being supported map of Jordan there is a change. There is a distancing from radicalism continually while we have suffered from all what befell Palestine. It all and a return to reason. How do you 300,000 people to Jordan so far. Once more, those who follow Jordan and

A: Democratic practice on its own one of the reasons that led to such results. This, by the way, is not new to us. We have been through this in the fifties but certain circumstances did not allow continuation. Then there was occupation. The people, any people, know their responsibility. any people, know their respon contribute and build.

Q: According to your letter of appointment to the prime minister, alleviating economic hardship on the people will be a priority. What is the A: Within our means we will have to

not create any obstacles."

But, be added, "that is not to mea

composition of the team except that the number of "guidance committee"

them from occupied Jerusalem and

three from other parts of the occupied

Dr. Ashrawi, herself a member of

the guidance committee, added that

more advisors and experts might join

Dr. Ashrawi said Jordanian-

Palestinian coordination in the peace

process was based on "mutual under-

standing, common grounds and a

In addition to Dr. Abdul Shafi, the

Palestiaian negotiatiag team to Washington will include Zakharia Al Agha, Ghassan Khatio, Mamdouh Al

Aker, Sameh Kanaan, Sami Kilani, Samir Abdullah, Abdul Rahman

Hamad Nabil Oassis, Nabil Al

Jaabari, Mustafa Al Natshe, Elias

Freij, Saeb Erekat and Freij Abu

Medyan. Informed sources said meanwhile

the controversy over American rejec-

tion of visas for PLO members as

advisors for the Palestinian negotiat-

ing team to peace talks with Israel had been resolved with a compromise

involving Palestinians who already

hold American entry visas, according

The source said seven Palestinians

who already possess U.S. visas, in-cluding Dr. Shath, would serve as advisors. Some of them will travel with the Palestinian team on Monday

and others will join them in Washing

ton, according to the sources.

"Some of them had been issued

visus as recently as two months ago while others hold year-old visus,"

The sources said at least two of the

advisors had been consistently denied American entry visus for years but were called up to be informed that

their visas were approved two months

ago.
"We don't know whether the admi-

nistration move came in anticipation

of problems over visas but the fact

months ago has helped a lot," said the

The State Department said last

week that the administration would not issue any visas for PLO members

as advisors to the negotiating team.

but did not make any specific com-ment on a list that the delegation had

The list of names was presented by

the Palestinian delegation along with

granted visas then the Palestinian

The PLO as well as the Palestinian

ment last Tuesday that PLO

delegation kept their response at low-key to the State Department's public

members would not be granted visas as advisors to the negotiating team.

According to other sources, the State Department, by then, had given

the green light for the seven people.
At the same time, Washington also

itted to Washington.

ins that the granting of visas

according to one of the sources.

to informed sources.

#### its circumstances, its responsibilities and obligations and the challenges we face should perhaps change their Q: You know that MBC broadcast to the Gulf states. Would you like to say a world for Jordania

deal with the situation. This is not

regard other economic problems we might need support from many in this

reflects on us, especially the return of

A: I am very proud of our brothers and family and of their achievements. I hope they continue to be good ambassadors for Jordan aborad. They have all our love, appreciation and

#### Palestinians to head for U.S. (Continued from page 1)

sition that no PLO members ' be" granted visas to accompany the negotiators, observers noted. Israelis but that the Palestinians "will

nediately available.
PLO officials have affirmed that that we will relinquish our rights."

In an apparent reference to Dr.

Nusseibel leading the delegation to the organisation's quest for visus for the advisors was separate from efforts Washington, Dr. Ashrawi said there to resume the suspended dialogue was no fundamental change in the between Washington and the PLO. The dialogue began in December 1989, when Mr. Arafat recognised the members accompanying the delega-tion to Washington had dropped to state of Israel and renounced terrorism, but was halted in July 1991, when the PLO leadership fell short of tead from seven - three of meeting American conditions that the sation take punitive measures not the leader of a PLO faction

No American comment was im-

which carried out an aborted raid at a Tel Aviv beach. At a Palestine National Council session in September, Mohammad Abbas, head of the Palestine Liberation Front which carried out the raid, was excluded from the PLO Executive Committe and since then the PLO leadership has been urging Washington to resume the dialogue. But the administration refuses the PLO overtures, apparently because of fears that a resumption of dialogue with the PLO might antagonise Israel, which rejects any dealing with

the organisation, and throw a spanner in the works of the Middle East peace Dr. Abdul Shafi was quoted a saying in an interview with the daily Al Sharq Al Awsat, published in Cairo and London, that he was a loyal

member of the PLO. "Everybody knows that our loyalty is to our legitimate leadership, which is the liberation organisation," he

A similar declaration by Dr. Erekat before the first round of talks in Madrid drew an Israeli threat that it would not sit down with a declared member of the PLO.

Asked if he was an official PLO

mber, Dr. Abdul Shafi replied; "Of course, 1 was there from the beginning at the founding conference of the organisation in 1967."

He said he had not taken part in

eetings of the PNC, after the Israelis occupied the West Bank in "I am in spirit, of course, a member in the liberation organisation and

Abdul Shafi said. He said the Palestinian delegation would propose at the peace talks that PNC members in the occupied terri-tories should be allowd to "exercise

## for reelection

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because of the alliance drawn be-tween the Brotherhood Bloc and the Constitution Bloc against the govern-ment of Taher Masri who resigned two weeks ago. The two blocs had signed a petition in mid-October call-ing on Mr. Masri to resign.

While the Brotherhood as well as

the Democratic Bloc have popular support as political groupings, the National and Constitution blocs are both coalitions of independent liberal, conservative and right-wing poli-

at, conservance and light-wing positical figures.

The split-up of votes is expected to transcend ideological lines and give way to personal rivalries and political vendettes which might give way to a lot of abstentions during the second

round of the voting.

One scenario that was brought up by several analysts was that the second round would be similar to the

last election for the speakership. "The National Bloc will get the votes of the independent Islamists which is a coalition two groups of three deputies each and will thus defeat the Constitution Bloc deputy in the first round," said one inside "During the second round the 17-member Constitution Bloc will sup-port the Brotherhood candidate, the Democratic Bloc will abstain from voting and Dr. Arabiyat will be re-lected," he predicted.

#### Barzani

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ernment approved legislation this week allowing anyone to buy land in Kirkuk. Previously it was reserved for Iragis of Arab origin and the move was seen as a concession to the Kurds.

But it also follows weeks of renewed tension between the Kurds and the Iraqi army, and the slaughter of 60 army prisoners by the Kurds at the town of Sulaimaniyeh in October.

Kurdish leaders say they are slowly being starved of food, fuel and supplies to twist their arms to sign the autonomy agreement which has been under discussion since May.

They also accused Baghdad of preparing an assault on the key rebel-held town of Erbii and of sending 18,000 troops backed by artillery and tanks to the region. The Iraqi government has not

replied to the charges. More than a million Kurds fled their homes when their post-Gulf war rebellion was crushed and are only coming back from shelters in Iran:and Turkey under the pro-

tection of the United Nations. The U.N. envoy overseeing relief efforts in the Gulf, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, left Baghdad at the weekend after securing its agreement to renew a pact allowing U.N. relief agencies to operate throughout the country

NATO powers have also established a small rapid deployment force in Turkey following Western public outrage at their plight in the harsh climate of the border

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **Kuwait City twinned with Florence**

ROME (R) — The beautiful renaissance city of Florence got an unusual partner on Wednesday when it was twinned with warshattered Kuwait City. "From today Florence and Kuwait City are twinned," said Kuwait's minister of state for municipal affairs Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen, as he passed through Rome's Fiumicino airport. "The decision results from the solidarity shows by Florence towards our capital at the time of the Iraqi invasion."
Mr. Shaheen added before heading to Florence for the official
twinning ceremony. Mr. Shaheen sais his country still had a lot of rebuilding to do following the Iraqi occupation but struck an optimistic note. "There are still many open wounds, but we have already closed the largest by extinguishing the oil-well fires," he said, alluding to fires started in the war.

#### Egypt has 600 political prisoners

CAIRO (R) — Interior Minister Mohammad Abdul Halim Musa has said Egypt was holding 600 political prisoners and denied allegations many were being tortured. Mr. Musa said in an interview published Thursday by Al Gomburia newspaper the detainees included 77 people accused of illegally distributing pamphlets attacking the Middle East peace talks which opened in Madrid last month. The London-based human rights group Amnesty International said earlier this month prisoners were routinely tortured in Egypt and accused it of brutal abuses under the emergency law introduced after Muslim zealots assassinated President Anwar Sadat in October 1981. But Mr. Musa, who assumed his post in January 1990, denied the charge. "Who said we practice torture?... 1 cannot do something like that... there is a misunderstanding in these reports," be said. A large number of those held are members of Muslim militant groups advocating the use of force to topple the government, or individuals who tried to enter the country from Jordan, Libya and Sudan to carry out sabotage during the Gulf crisis or smuggle money and drugs, Musa added. In an apparent reference to Libya, he said fundamentalist groups had lost foreign financing after Egypt improved ties with its peighbour. "There is also no financing from Tehran," be said. Egypt and Iran do not have full diplomatic ties and have been bitter foes since the 1979 Islamic revolution in Tehran. Cairo has repeatedly accused Iran of financing extremist groups.

#### N. Africa remains source of emigres to France

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PARIS (R) - Immigration to France rose about 10 per cent last year with Arab North africa still the main source of new arrivals, the French Social Affairs and Integration Ministry said Wednesday. "About 40 per cent of the approximately 100,000 people who legally settled in France in 1990 were from Algeria and Morocco." said Gerard Morean, head of the ministry's population and migration department, Mr. Moreau said that despite continuing immigration, the number of foreigners in France remained stable at about 3.6 million because many foreigners had become French nationals while others had left the country. Immigration, especially from North Africa, is probably France's most explosive political issue, having fuelled the rise in the past decade of right-winger Jean-marie le Pen who wants to stop new arrivals and send many Third World immigrants home. Mr. Moreau gave the figures at a news conference as a new opinion poll showed 49 per cent of French people believed the country's more than four million Muslims would never be able to integrate into French society. But the poll, published in the Catholic weekly La Vie, said 40 per cent of the French thought Muslims, like other immigrants before them, would ultimately blend into French society.

#### Bangladesh vows support for Palestinlans

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has said she hopes the Middle East peace talks will lead to a Palestinian state. "Prospects for a breakthrough in the long outstanding Middle East problems, of which the core issue is Palestine, are now brighter than ever before," she said in a statement on Thursday night marking the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. She reaffirmed Bangladesh's support for Palestinian demands for an independent homeland and an Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arah lands. Ms. Khaleda said she hoped the momentum of the peace conference in Madrid would be maintained "until it leads to a just, comprehensive and durable settlement of the Palestinian issues.

#### Saudis behead Pakistani for drug trafficking

NICOSIA (R) — A Pakistani drug smuggler was publicly beheaded in Saudi Arabia Friday, the Saudi Press Agency reported. Quboul Mohammad Pirzadah Danibakhsh was beheaded by sword in the Red Sea port of Jeddah after Friday prayers. He had been found guilty of smuggling "a large amount of heroin" into the kingdom, the agency added. The agency, received in Cyprus, quoted the Interior Ministry as saying that anyone involved in drug-related crimes in Sandi Arabia would face execution. In June, 16 people, including two Pakistanis, were executed for drug trafficking. The last reported beheading in the kingdom, which observes Islamic Sharia law, was in July when two Saudis were

#### publicly executed after being found guilty of murder. Turkey returns stolen painting to Ireland

ISTANBUL (R) - Turkey returned a stolen 17th century painting to Ireland Friday and urged other countries to hand back stoler Turkish works of art. Dutch master Gabriel Metsu's "A Woman Reading a Letter" was found last year in Istanbul, four years after it was snatched from an Irish gallery. Culture Minister Fikri Sagiar handed the painting to Ireland's amhassador to Rome, Christopher Fogarty, at a ceremony in Istanbul's Painting and Sculptur Museum. The picture was stolen in 1986 from Sir Alfred Beit's collection at Lord Dunsany's estate in County Meath, Ireland, and was recovered by police in an Istanbul apartment in February 1990. "We expect his goodwill to be returned. We ask the world that ... cultural properties should no longer be kept in storage in museums abroad," Mr. Saglar said. Turkey is leading a diplomatic campaign to recover priceless antiques smuggled from Turkey and now held

### "Whatever we do for President Jewish religious texts. U.N. decision adds to

rent against attack.

Delegates to the Geneva-based compensation commission said it agreed Tuesday to increase fixed payments to certain "departees" from a basic \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Those who choose to claim the higher figure would lose any right to claim for additional specific losses. Those claiming \$2,500 could still make other claim

Delegates said most of an estimated two million departees including over 600,000 from Egypt alone — were likely to choose the higher payment, adding over \$1.5 billion to Irag's. already huge compensation bill.

Payment of compensation by Iraq is still hypothetical since Baghdad has refused to make the U.N.-sanctioned oil sales which

'We carry on without our work, although it does get surrealistic at times," one European

Delegates said a proposal to increase the payments to \$5,000 was made by China and Ecuador, two of the 15 Security Council members represented on the commission. This was reduced to

The proposal was backed by other poor nations such as Pakistan and Egypt, whose nationals might be unable to provide documentary proof of how much

SPLA soldiers had surrendered to government troops in the town they lost when they fled. of Terkeka, 75 kilometres north of Juba, the main town in the many left the Gulf without even cial told Reuters.

compensation to migrant workers the Gulf crisis, delegates to a special United Nations compensation commission said

But they said that some poorer nations seeking the increase had tried to scale back compensation to other claimants - including payments of up to \$15,000 to Westerners held in Iraq as deter-

would pay for it.

delegate said.

\$4,000 as a compromise.

Thousands have migrated to

## Iragi compensation bill

who fled Kuwait and Iraq during proposed payments to another tal pain and anguish."

who spent four months in captivity in Iraq - as was the case with over 2,000 Westerners — would be eligible for up to \$15,000 compensation.

Women raped by Iraqi troops during the occupation would receive up to \$5,000, while family members forced to witness the ac would get \$2,500.

The figures were reached

through a study of historical and current-day compensation awards, but some delegates said they were too high in relation to the injuries suffered. There has been some dehate

but it has been good-natured," one member of the commission said The Knwaiti official in charge

lier this week to appeal against a decision to make urgent payments to departees at the expense the commission that those who

stayed behind in Kuwait and those making small claims for losses up to \$10,000 should be compensated just as quickly as those who fled.

"We accept that companies and governments may have to wait, but we say these people are all individuals and should be treother countries to work, and ated equally," one Kuwaiti offi-

## GENEVA (R) — Iraq may have their identity papers. to pay over \$1.5 billion extra Delegates said the

Delegates said the poorer nations had been less happy about category of claimants - those seeking compensation for "men-

Assad is not enough. Today is

Friday and it is a day to prepare

for the holy day (Sabbath) but we

went ahead with the rally to

express our gratitude to the presi-

deut who gave us a lot," Rabbi

Lawyer Shehadi Al Kouri said:

"President Assad gave us a lot

and lifted all restrictions which

were imposed on us and made us

Syrians, Assad has strengthened

our belonging to the nation be-cause we are Jewish Arabs and

we are proud that we are Arabs

During the three-hour demon-

stration, the Jewish marchers

shouted slogans like: "The Jewish

district is our district. Hafez

Assad is our leader. Judaism is

peace. Support the hero of peace

and the hero of Golan

One English banner said: "All

Banners in Hebrew said: "With

one voice, one heart we say yes to

President Hafez Al Assad" and

"Love and honour to the great

Antoin Bazou'a, principal of

the Maymoun School, said his

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President Hafez Al Assad (from)

the Jewish community in Syria.

"The Jewish youth support

and Jewish Syrians.'

(Heights).

"We are treated exactly like all

equal with all other citizens."

Hamra said.

The commission has been discussing a working paper setting out payment ceilings for those who suffered emotionally during Iraq's seven-month occupation. The idea to compensate for mental pain was instigated by Britain

at an earlier meeting. Under the proposals a person

of compensation claims from the emirate, Abdul Rahman Al Honty, addressed the commission ear-

Kuwaiti officials said he told

#### their powers as members of the mountains in the spring.

(Continued from page 1) efforts to convince Israel to abide by the basis of the invitation." Palestinian delegate Ghassan Al

a request that the team be granted the The Israeli press reported the same facilities and treatment as it received in Madrid at the opening of U.S. was concerned that peace the peace conference last month. efforts were in jeopardy because of Israel's stand.

Khatib said.

Peace process will collapse if Israel continues it stubbornness." delegation might decide not to go at all to the bilaterals with Israel. Mr. Shamir said he thought a collapse of the peace process was

> But he said that "we are taking into account," a possible public relations fiasco conjured by the prospect of Arab delegations facing empty Israeli chairs in

Israeli media reported Friday

Talks will start Dec. 4 — Bush that several ministers planned to propose that Israel save face by having a low-level team in Washington before a full negotiating delegation arrives for Dec.

> Mr. Shamir's irritation with the United States' refusal to delay the talks was evident Friday.

all obstacles to the peace process, but not beyond this," he said. Mr. Shamir said despite U.S.

ties thought there was and thus concentrated their efforts on persnading the United States to pressure Israel, rather than negotiating with the Jewish state.

"That is more or less the essen-

#### The PLO, in statements from its "It is the United States' right as Tunis headquarters, had voiced the The main headline in Maariv an honest broker to try to remove ne sentiments, raising the possibilsewspaper read: "Washington: ity that if no PLO members were

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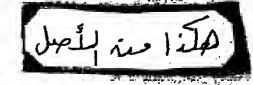
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### Cooperation needed to address homeless problem, officials say

AMMAN (J.T) — The problem of homelessness in Jordan came under scretiny by a symposium organised by the National Society for the Protection of the Homeless (NSPH) Thursday in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS).

GUVS Executive President Abdullah Al Khatib painted a gloomy picture of the situation when he said that the country has a large number of homeless people, beggars and vagabonds, but cannot determine their numbers and has no effective plans to deal with the situation.

Dr. Khatib said that Jordan needs sound scientific measures to deal with this problem, which is affecting the very fabric of the Jordanian society.

Dr. Khatib attributed the emergence of the homelessness phenomenon to the socio-economie changes in the Kingdom which ied to many cases to loose social ties. GUVS, he said, has been working to deal with questions related to poverty and homeless-

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One way of dealing with the problem was through direct advice to the families and relatives and the homeless people. Another way to deal with the problem is through opening special institutions that offer care and shelter to homeless people.

He said that GUVS was contributing to the solution of this of Jordan.

problem to prevent juvenile delinquency and to open the way for the young to have new opportuni-

The meetings were opened by Minister of Social Development Amin Mashaqbeh, who said that no laws or penalties can be effective in dealing with the homeless, beggars or the unemployed unless proper effective socio economic and educational systems cooperate to deal with the situation.

The Ministry of Social Development has been cooperating with GUVS in dealing with this problem, the minister noted. So far, the ministry has entrusted 60 homeless people to the care of GUVS and offered GUVS JD 50,000 annually to take charge of this task.

At the same time, the ministry, in cooperation with the police. has been collecting beggars and homeless people from the streets in daily campaigns to conduct studies on their conditions and provide them with the appropriate care, Dr. Mashaqbeh said.

NSPH President Dr. Sari Nasser addressed the meeting by echoing Dr. Khatib's views about the need of collective measures to deal with the problem. He said that Jordan cannot deal with this issue unless various segments of society cooperate with the state in implementing plans that would end the phenomenon on streets



His Majesty King Hussein visits Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker to give him additional Royal directives (Petra photo)

### King visits prime minister, outlines his expectations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein paid a visit to Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker at his office and provided him with Royal directives over a number of local, pan-Arab and international questions. The King also heard from the prime minister outline the new government's steps to put into force the Royal directives contained in a letter to the government at the domestic and external fronts.

Following the visit, it was announced that the King's letter to the government will be considered as its policy statement to

A statement said that the Higher Council for the Interpretation

of the Constitution said that it has been decided that the King's letter sent to Sharif Zeid moon forming bis government on Nov. 21 will be considered as the government statement for which a vote of confidence will be sought from Parliament in its new session opening Sunday.

In accordance with the articles of the Constitution, a new government should submit its statement within one month after being formed in order to win confidence from Parliament. Bnt under the Constitution, the King's letter to the new government can be considered as a government policy statement should the government be formed when the Parliament is in recess

inspection rules." The latest vessel to fall victim to the enforcers of the sanctions against Iraq was

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian impor-

ters for foodstuff for consump-

tion in the Kingdom as well as

Iraq stand to suffer drastically

from what appears to be a further tightening of the en-

forcement of the international

sanctions against Iraq, according to shipping officials and

Particularly affected by a

new measure being enforced by the American-led naval

fleet patrolling the Red Sea are

bulk cargo carriers loaded with

rice, sugar and flour, which are intercepted and subjected to "unreasonable" procedures and regulations, shipping offi-

The Shipping Agents Asso-ciation (SAA) of Jordan is

cautioning importers that their cargo "is subject to be refused

(entry to Aqaba) according to

this new implementation of the

cials and importers say.

M.V. Petra Slaveiko, a Bulgarian ship loaded with 9,500 metric tonnes of rice imported by a Jordanian firm. The ship was intercepted on Nov. 23 by the U.S. naval forces at the Tiran Straits on the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba and was refused entry to the port on grounds that cargo in the lower hold was not accessible to the

of 'blacklist', officials say

Further tightening of blockade

against Iraq indicates existence

The vessel was delayed for three days at sea during which its crew made access to its lower bolds through ventilation pipes and the inspectors allowed it to proceed after a second inspection, according to SAA officials.

On-board inspection of vessels at sea - including access to lower holds full of bulk products - is described as an almost impossible task by shipping experts, who also pointed out that vessels would be dep-rived of one third of their full cargo capacity if they were to make room for accessibility for

Paradoxially, five other vessels loaded with similar cargo

- mostly sugar and rice were allowed to proceed without hassle to Aqaba in the past two weeks. This has added further credence to an assertion by Jordanian importers that the U.S. fleet in the Red Sea is keeping a "black list" of Jordanian firms whom the enforcers suspect of importing goods for Iraq. Imports of the "blacklisted" companies are blocked while cargo consigned to "non-blacklisted" importers

is allowed to proceed, accord-

ing to the busin M.V. Calngareni, a Romanian vessel carrying 7,470 tonnes of rice for Iraq, was turned away from Aqaba on Nov. 10 despite its possession of a certificate from the U.N. Sanctions Committee that its cargo was approved by the panel under Security Council Re-solution 687, which exempts foodstuff and medicine from

The vessel is now transferring part of its load to another ship at Port Snez and both carriers are expected to proceed to Agaha together after

the embargo on Iraq:

meeting the "lower hold accessibility demand" of the enfor-

The net result of the delay is an additional cost, which will reflect on the consumer price for the product in the market. ssmen point ont.

"There is a certain range of international price for commodities," noted one importer. "We try to work within that range, keeping limited profit margins, but additional shipping costs will not only erode our profits but will cause beavy losses," he said.

"The message we get from the interceptions and delays is simple: don't import anything for Iraq unless you want to lose or make the Iraqis pay high costs for their needs.

But the "message" may not be that simple, adds another importer who exclusively deals with the Jordanian market,

"Imports for the local market are also incurring the additional cost and the net victim who will pay the extra cost and thus a higher price is the Jordanian consumer."

### Officials alarmed by rising dropout rate in country

By Nur Sati

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Increasingly, Jordan's motorists are finding that stopping at a red light means being approached by children selling gum or other trinkets. The phenomenon, while not new, is indicative of the growing numbers of children who are dropping out of school.

Most of the chikkren inter-

viewed by the Jordan Times said they were forced to drop out of school to support their families, which are being hard hit by the weak economic conditions in the country. = : ... - Education officials, alarmed

at the increasing dropout-rate in the Kingdom; are conducting studies to determine the exact causes behind rising dropout rate.

According to statistics from the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST), the dropout rate for schools in first grade is about 1.7 per cent. This figure increased to 3 per cent for students between the second and sixth grades. After the sixth grade, the dropout rate for students doubled to 6 per cent in the 1989-1990 academic year, according to

HCST statistics. At the tawjihi level, the average dropout rate among literary art students is 36 per cent, 10 per cent higher than the one for science students.

By Serene Halasa

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Her Royal High-

ness Princess Sarvath chaired

the final session of the first

International Youth Congress

held at the Amman Bacca-

The congress, an event orga-

nised by the student body at

the Baccalaureate School, ex-

tended invitations to students

around the world in an effort

to create better understanding

and to promote peace and

friendship among the students,

especially following the dis-

astrous results of the Gulf war

on the region. The students

thus decided that peace would

be the main theme of the con-

gress and adopted the motto of

Uniting a Divided World."

for six days, hosted a number

of speakers including His

Royal Highness Crown Prince

The congress, which lasted

laureate School Thursday.

Deir Alla Directorate was found to have the highest drop out rate, which stands at about 17.7 per cent in the ninth grade alone, officials said.

Dr. Victor Billeh, president of the National Centre for Educational Research and Development at the HSCT, said that the figures do not tell the whole picture. There is no way to know how many students dropped out in the shuffle as they transferred from schools in one directorate to another, he said.

However slightly distorted the figures may be, "we still consider the dropout levels high," Dr. Billeh told the Jor-

One possible reason for the high dropout rate could be the large number of small schools in Jordan, he said.

"There are 260 government schools in Jordan with less than 40 students. There are 844 schools with less than 130 students in each school and some 1,267 schools with less than 220 students," Dr. Billeh said.

In the distribution for the limited educational resources available in the country, small schools are sometimes overlooked, he said. "The smaller the schools, the less facilities it will have," Dr. Billeh said. "The kind of education that can be provided for is limited whereas if the school is bigger

Hassan, Dr. Kamal Salibi, Dr.

Farouk El Baz and the British

ambassador to Jordan, Patrick

In her address, Her Royal Highness thanked the partici-

pants and organisers for their

efforts in making this event possible. She also expressed

hope that topics discussed dur-

ing the workshops have be-

nefitted and helped students to better understand problems

Her Highness then pre-

sented the students with a col-

lection of books featuring Jor-

dan's achievements under the

reign of His Majesty King Hus-

Also speaking at the final session, Mr. Eyers, who did not speak on behalf of the

Enropean Community (EC),

but rather as a European

citizen, gave a speech about

Europe's view on the Middle

East peace process.

facing the world.

with better facilities (libraries and labs) there will ultimately be a better educational atmos-

Echoing Dr. Billeh's views, the general director of the Education Department at the Ministry of Education, Dr. Zougan Obeidat, said, "it the educational system is efficient, we would rarely find any drop-

> He attributed the high dropout rates to discrepancies in the educational system. "It is an aspect of our failure in keeping all the students in our schools," Dr. Zougan said. "When the student drops out. it means there is something. wrong in the system."

Another reason could be the lack of qualified teachers, officials maintain. Bnt a more significant reason may be the social aspect.

"If parents find children failing their class consecutively, it might give them (parents) the incentive to force their children out of school," according to Dr. Zougan. Some street children inter-

viewed by the Jordan Times said that they are forced to work not because their grades might be poor, but because the family needs an income earner. "I left school when I was six years old because my mother

needed us (children) to work

highlighted the importance the

peace process carried in

Europe, and that continent's

keen desire to see a stable

Middle East where justice and

Mr. Eyers also spoke of eco-

nomical, social and political

ties between Europe and the

Middle East. He said that his

country and the European

Community look for peace

based on the "rule of law" and

principles enshrined in the

U.N. Charter, which does not

accept the changing of fron-

tiers by force and guarantees

the right of self-determination

and self-defence to all people.

guiding principles for the cur-

rent peace process, U.N. Re-

solutions 242 and 338, reflect

the land for peace formula. He also recognised the right of

every state to live within secure

and recognised boundaries and

Mr. Eyers added that the

human rights prevail.

so that we could eat. It has been three years since I started selling chewing gum," said a mne-year-old boy, who added that he enjoyed street life and being out of school.

The problem poses an ironie problem for government officials trying to increase the country's literacy rate. While older adults are increasingly encouraged to enroll in adult school to learn how to read and write, certain conditions continue to force children to go without a formal education.

In the meantime, officials: continue to research the problem, hoping to pinpoint the reason for the high dropout rate.

The National Centre for Educational Research and Development is still in the process of completing its study, which looks in-depth into the reasons for the high dropout rates. "We will also look at the rates with respect to locations comparing the rates of the urban and rural setting," Dr. Billeh said.

The study will also take into consideration the mobility of the population. "Only once we have analysed and found indicators and pinpointed the dimension of the problem can we look into the causes for such a phenomenon and seek measures," Dr. Billeh said.

Following his speech, the

ambassador was bombarded

with a barrage of what some

thought were "hostile" ques-

tions. Students and attendees

questioned the ambassador on

what they believed to be a

donble standard in dealing

with the Iraqi occupation of

Kuwait and the 24-year-old

Israeli occupation of Arab ter-

The ambassador insisted

that there were main differ-

ences between the two occupa-

tions. Iraq, he said, invaded a sovereign nation' while in the

case of the occupied territor-

ies, it was a bit unclear because

both sides were guilty of com-

mitting aggression.
The congress, which discus-

sed a number of other issues

such as education, health, and

the environment, adopted a

number of resolutions that will

be announced in a few days.

#### CAEU to review report, assess financial state

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the 54th session of the Council of Arab Economie Unity's (CAEU), Ministerial Council due to convene in Cairo

Participants will discuss the executive steps to move the Council's headquarter to Cairo in implementation of a resolution passed by the 10th extraordinary session, and the financial and administrative situations of the

The CAEU secretary general Hassan Ibrahim, left Amman for Cairo to head the session and the meeting of the deputy representatives, which will start Sunday.

In a departure statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Ibrahim said participants will diseuss the secretary general's annual report on the most important Arab and international factors which affected the performance of Arab economies. They will also discuss the international economic conditions and the external debt of the developing countries, which is at the forefront of the problems plaguing these countries.

The annual economie report also talks about problems facing Arab economies, which have been struggling to cope with a new situation, placing the de-velopment policies and strategies at a difficult junction.

#### Europarliamentarians arrive in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation representing the Socialist group at the European Parliament, headed by Claude Cheysson, Friday arrived in Amman from the occupied West Bank on a three day visit to Jordan for talks with Iordanian officials on issues of mutual interest. In an arrival statement, Mr. Cheysson expressed his happiness for visiting Jordan, saying that it was not his first visit to the Kingdom. He added that the group will discuss with Jordanian officials issues of common concern, including the peace process and scopes of cooperation in the parliamentary and economic fields.

AMMAN (J.T.) - A three-day of Arab universities, chambers of universities and research centres agriculture, industry and trade as to give due well as the ministries of industry, supply and trade in the Arab World.

Conference calls on Arab

processing and boosting the livestock wealth of the Arab World ended in Amman with a call on Arab countries to extend financial and in-kind assistance to the Palestinian people to allow them to boost their agricultural production and enhance their resistance to the occupation. The conference, which was

His Royal Highness Prince Falsal Ben Al Hussein distributes awards to organisers of a conference

held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ben Al Hussein, called on Arab states to provide training to the Palestimians in fodder processing measures, help them set up laboratories for testing the quality of animal feed and to increase trade exchanges with the Arab lands occupied by Israel.

The delegates also voiced their support to the Iraqi people and called for an end of the food embargo on Iraq. They also called for providing the Iraqi people with the food and medicine and means of producing fodder and food production.

The conference voiced total support for the Libyan people in the face of current Western threats over the 1988 downing of a Pan-Am aircraft over Scotland. which was blamed on Libya.

The conference, which was organised by the Arab Federation for Food Industries (AFFI) in cooperation with the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO), was attended by representatives

countries to support Palestinians

The recommendations included a call on Arab nations to give due attention to natural pasture lands and to stem the cutting of forest trees to protect the soil from erosion and ensure basic services to people involved in pasture lands.

The conference appealed to governments and money lending institutions and funds as well as investors to give attention to and encourage agricultural produc-tion. It also urged governments to lease state-owned lands to farmers for nominal fees to encour-

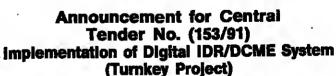
age food production. The conference urged Arab duction of fodder and ou governments to create proper facilities to store strategic amounts of fodder, give due attention to the poultry industry and to finance

the creation of silos. The delegates urged the Jordan Phosphate Mines Comany (JPMC) to speed up work on the production of calcium phosphate used in fodder processing and encouraged Arab investors to initiate joint ventures that would ensure sufficient fodder for the livestock wealth of the Arab

Prince Faisal, who presided over the final session, distributed awards to a number of prominent people who helped organise the conference in recognition of their

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#### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

Youth congress ends; stresses

understanding, friendship among young

#### King swears in ministers

AMMAN (Petra) - Three ministers who were abroad when the new government of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker was formed were sworn on Thursday before his Majesty King Hussein. The new ministers are Yanal Hikmat as minister of tourism and antiquities, Jawdat Al Sboul as minister of interior and Mahmoud Al Sharif as minister of information. Attending the swearing in ceremony were Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Chief of the Royal Court Adnan Abu Odeh and the King's Military Secretary His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben

#### King receives message from Yemen

AMMAN (J.T.) — A special envoy from Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh left Amman Friday after delivering a message to His Majesty King Hussein from the Yemeni president. The envoy, Seif Sayel, who is also member of Yemen's Consultative Council, was received by the King at the Royal Court Thursday afternoon. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the message dealt with Courtest political developments in the Arab region and Jordanian-Yemeni relations.

In his speech, Mr. Eyers the right of Palestinians to self-

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### **Depending on Bush's fortitude**

THE Middle East back-stage diplomacy since the Madrid conference, hampered by James Baker's recent absence from Washington, has aroused speculation which is often misleading. Yet one thing is certain: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is ined to recover from the unquestionable political reverse that Israel suffered from the Palestinians at Madrid . He may lack charm and charisms but he has plenty of cunning and he still has strong cards even if they are not as strong as they were. He is a master of appearing reasonable while remaining intransigent. He will continue to say that everything can be discussed in Middle East peace talks as if this means that they can be negotiated, which it does not. His success at deception apparently includes Israeli voters, as opinion polls show that while a remarkable 74 per cent favour the exchange of territory for peace they are also swinging towards the Likud.

nir's lengthy visit to the United States was intended both to rally American Zionist forces after their recent set-back and restore the strained relations with the Bush administration. While it remains to be seen how far these two aims are compatible, he must see some trends as favourable. President Bush's previously unassailable position, based on his world statesmanship, is threatened by alarming domestic difficulties. For the first time the possibility that he might be defeated by a Democrat in 1992 is taken seriously and the president is showing signs of loss of nerve. Following the shattering reverse in the Pennsylvania by-election, Republican members of Congress are more than ever auxious for AIPAC support for their campaign funds. However, Shamir's weakness is that the very economic difficulties which are damaging President Bush make the gigantic financial aid he is dems more unpopular with the U.S. public, who are more inclined than previously to make the necessary connection.

However in the short term, it is important that Shamir faces an unusually critical administration in Washington. As a venue for bilateral talks with Arab delegations he would marginally prefer the U.S. capital to Madrid, but it would still attract a vast world audience which is likely to be no less sceptical towards Israel's negotiators than in Spain. Mr. Shamir's best hopes remain with the attitude of the Palestinians even if these were belied by their skilfal performance in Madrid. The temptation is strong for the PLO to harden its terms for continuing cooperation with Mr. Baker. It is quite logical to expect a resumption of the dialogue between Washington and Tunis. But logic has not been the criterion in any of the moves to initiate the peace process in the first place. It is of far greater significance that the Bush administration has shown beyond question that it is ready to be tough with Shamir in matters of real importance. Baker's firm attitude prevented the Israelis from walking out of the Madrid conference on more than one occasion. This has now been confirmed by the Israeli government's decision not to prosecute Dr. Hauan Ashrawi for her

Israel can still bope that some new stricture on the Palestinians' choice of negotiators will cause them to boycott the second phase. But having shown so much forbearance until now, the PLO must not let themselves be lured into an Israeli trap. The crucial fact is that Shamir was forced to go to the Madrid conference against his will and if he cannot now divert the peace process into more favourable channels he will prefer to block it altogether — provided, as always, he is not clearly seen to be responsible. But this may no longer be easy and it is up to the Palestinians to see that it is impossible — Middle East International, London.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

IORDAN UNIVERSITY of Science and Technology, in the north, is not merely a university, it is rather an accomplishment by the Jordanian community under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily. The paper said that under the direction of King Hussein, scientists, officials and technicians have cooperated to bring this great edifice and institute into being in order to offer a qualitative service to the new generation. The paper said that the King and the Jordanian people take pride in this great achievement and have reason to be delighted over the commencement of its operations and activities. King Hussein was warmly welcomed by the people of Ramtha, where the university is situated, and they were overjoyed for meeting with their leader and deeply gratified over his endeavour to serve his nation through providing educational facilities of such prominence and magnitude, the paper added. With such accomplishments, Jordan is proud to rise to the needs of educational developments and through the university staff and administrators it is hoped that the dream of the new generation will come true, said the daily. The paper said that with the new achievement, the Jordanians will find a new incentive and motive for forging ahead with even greater accomplishments designed to attain further

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily criticised the current attempts to deal with the symptoms of the economic ills and not with the chronic problems which caused the illness. Fand Al Fanek said that the allocation of JD 35 million to distribute to the poor or the unemployed, as a government official had suggested, can by no means end the chronic issue or terminate unemployment and poverty in Jordan. The writer said cosmetic surgery can only offer temporary relief but no permanent solution. It is like giving aspirin to a patient with high fever due to an inflammation to serve as a sedative and make him go to sleep without removing the cause of the illness, the writer added. He said one has to look behind the weaknesses and the real illness in the economic structure and try to reform the situation to pave the ground for the complete removal of the illness. Combating poverty, be said, requires an increase in the domestic product and equitable distribution for all citizens, while combating unemployment requires the creation of income-generating projects and jobs for the unemployed, this can come through new investments and giving the private sector a free hand in enterprise, the writer stressed. The real cure will take some time,s the writer said, but if the prescription is followed to the end, the cure is assured and conditions are bound to improve.

## After Madrid, tougher conditions for a land-for-peace deal

By Emma Murphy

ON Sept. 23. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir attended a ceremony marking the founding of the Tzur Yigal settlement on the border between Israel and the West Bank, the Green Line. Mr. Sbamir stated categorically that with the establishment of this settlement, we are saying that we must settle and settle, and that the dream will always be that all the territories are ours." This settlement is one of many which, according to Ariel Sharon's Star Plan, are intended to erase the reality of the Green Line. The Palestinian centres of population are being strangled, squashed increasingly into isolated pockets of land, surrounded on all sides by rapidly growing settlements of

Meanwhile, on the final day of the Madrid talks, Israel further demonstrated its " desire for peace" hy formally establishing a new civillian settlement. Kela, on the Golan Heights, with Housing Minister Ariel Sharon declaring that the Goian would never hy returned to Syria.

It appears that the Israeli government is fundamentally opposed to any territorial compromise or withdrawal. However Israeli officials in Madrid tried to outcomes. dress up their intransigence, the fact remains that they have nothing to offer in any peace talks, other than their own hrand of "personal autonomy" for those Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

If there is so little to be gained by Palestinians, why should they then appear so eager to engage the Israelis in this dialogue? Clashes in the West Bank and Gaza between Fateh on the one hand and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and Hamas on the other are proof that the Palestinians themselves are divided on this go along with Secretary of State joint strategies with the Syrians which bold a considerable degree of unpredictability. It may well be that a deal was made whereby Syria played tough to the Palestinians' readiness to do a deal, presenting both faces of the Arab card in what became for the Palestinian team a significant public relations success. Nevertheless, the whole set-up reflected the Palestinian dependence upon its Arab allies and a correspond-

#### The positive outcomes

omous bargaining power.

ing lack of any meaningful auton-

Whatever the doubts regarding attendance of the conference, bowever, it is in restrospect possihie to assume certain positive

Most important, the fact has been established that the Palestinians are a legitimate and vital party to any peace negotiations. Unlike Camp David, which assumed that Egypt could bargain on the Palestinians' behalf, Mad-

Palestinians can and must negotiate for themselves. All the Israeli obstinacy about including known Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sympathisers cannot change the fact that everybody knows this is de facto a PLO delegation. Binyamin Begin, an aspiring successor to Mr. Shamir, may think that this represents "the first signs of the creation of an alternative leadership to the issue. Madrid committed them to PLO," but the reality is that, while the balance of power may James Baker's tactics, not to say be moving in favour of middleclass intellectuals from inside the territories, and away from the leadership in Tunis, the level of cooperation and consultation between the two has so far indicated a unifying rather than divisive trend. This may even be interpreted as a positive reassertion of inks between the territories and the diaspora in contrast to the differences made apparently by the intifada. This is not to deny that the Palestinian delegation must remain aware of the poten-

> Reports came from Madrid of further talks which will separate the Palestinian from the Jordanian delegates, reinforcing the apparent "arrival" of the Palestinians as a separate entity on the regional scene. This was denied hy Mr. Shamir once he was hack in Israel, although he conceded that delegates from each side

would deal with issues directly

tial political advantage to be

gained by Israel if any sign of

disagreement between them-

selves and Yasser Arafat should

arose, within the context of a joint Jordnajan-Palestinian delegation. The significance of Israel having distinguished between Palestinians and Jordan is tremendous, even so. Having come in from the cold,

the Palestinian delegation pre-

sented an impressive public relations effort. With equal press coverage guaranteed, the Palestinians appeared to be the most dignified, calm, moderate and articulate of all parties concerned and the Israelis were correspondingly hard put to appear as anything other than difficult, uncompromising and, dare one say it, rather short of women delegates. This kind of international exposure dispels images of guntoting terrorists and emphasises the victim status of the Palestinians in contrast to the security risk images which Israel wishes to project. The televised scenes of youths waving olive branches in the territories, subsequently being arrested by Israeli soldiers for illegally demonstrating, only served to underline this.

For the American government, the Palestinians proved to be the least awkward and most constructive delegation, highlighting the contrast with Israeli diffidence and making the U.S.-Palestinian dialogue one which the Americans will find it difficult to walk

An Israeli acknowledgement

Ultimately, however, the solution to the instabilities of the

exchange of land for peace. Despite their resistance, even the Israelis know this. The reference to Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 made at the press conference following the direct talks with the Palestinians and Jordanians was the first such Israeli acknowledgement that these resolutions would have to provide the basis for future substantive talks. No doubt this acknowledgement will eventually be tempered with interpretations which relate more to the concept of "personal autonomy" than to real territorial compromise, but the cornerstone on which Palestinians may build their case when seeking external — in particular U.S. - support is laid. The challenge now facing the Palestinians is to convince the U.S. that such autonomy is simply a formal disguise for total land expropriation, with all its invidious consequences, and that only genuine ter-

interim arrangement. Meanwhile, however, Mr. Shamir, having been bullied into attending the conference, and having stalled it for as long as possible with preconditions, now appears to see his best option as lying in pursuing a talks-about-talks strategy which continually imposes decreasingly acceptable conditions on other parties. He is unable to personally reverse longheld commitments to retaining the occupied territories. Yet he is equally unable to successfully fend off external pressures to conform to the international con-

ritorial autonomy can serve as an

peace. At home his right-wing colleagues become daily more outspoken in their criticism of his participation in the talks, yet he is fully aware that while there is literally nothing to talk about if not the conditions for the return of land, be must appear to be willing to talk if Israel is to maintain any external, notably U.S. sympathy. The monetary euphoria with which the Western world greeted the sight of Arabs and Israelis seated together will not last long if the land-for-peace issue is not addressed, at least partially, in the foreseeable fu-

From Madrid, one can easily attribute the bickering and maximalism of the last few days to the need on all sides to assert positions of strength. The real dealmaking will be an altogether much more discreet process. From Jerusalem, however, this argument appears unconvincing. Accelerated land expropriations, continued settlement construction, the channelling of Soviet immigrants to the occupied territories and the daily statements by Israeb political leaders against any kind of territorial compromise do not suggest that the Israelis are merely playing a game of hluff but that they are in deadly earnest when they say that the returns of those lands is definitely not on their agenda. - Middle East International.

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### U.S. heads for collision with Israel over Mideast peace

By Alan Elsner Reuter

WASHINGTON — The United States has put itself on a collision course with Israel by proposing that the Jewish state begin discussing with Syria an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Golan

Diplomatic sources said the U.S. proposal was floated in invitation sent last week to Israel and Syria to attend peace talks in Washington next week.

In another proposal, this time aimed at Israel and Lebanon, the Israeli-backed Lebanese military hand over to the Lebanese army control of the strategic town of Jezzine in southern Lebanon.

East peace efforts, inaugurated at one American Jewish leader. last month's Madrid peace con-

porposals we need:" said one delighted Arah diplomat. It shows that the United States is not just going to be a mediator but will be very active."

But delight in the Arab World is often reason for gloom in Israel and this is no exception. Inevitably, by proposing "land for peace" deals of this sort,

Washington is inviting a new confrontation with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Mr. Shamir's right-wing govemment rejects the idea of with-

Arah territories Israel has occu-United States proposed that an West Bank and Gaza Strip, Golan Heights and East Jeru-"It lonks like Israel is headed Analysts said the proposals sig- for a confrontation with the Un-

nalled that Washington intended ited States sooner or later. They to be a driving force in Middle may as well have it sooner," said

"This is not what Israel conceives as America playing an



drawal from the Golan Heights? In return for what? A hypothetical promise of peace? It's not

**NEWS ANALYSIS** 

The U.S. proposal on the "These are just the kind of bonest broker. An Israeli with- Golan Heights is explosive be-

cause it violates the tenet at the heart of Israeli strategic thinking for a generation — that, come what may, Israel must keep the strategic plateau, which Syria once used to bombard Jewish

settlements in the Jordan Valley. Israel virtually annexed the territory in 1981. Earlier this month its parliament reiterated

that it would not negotiate its

The United States always said it would present bridging proposals to the parties should their talks become deadlocked. What is unclear is why it put forward prosposals now, before the talks had even hegun much less reached an impasse.

One theory is that the Bush administration was worried that the Syrians would walk away from the peace process and so decided to give them a public indication it supported their position on the Golan Heights.

"There is limit to how far they can take this approach and how many hruises Shamir is prepared to accept," said Adam Garfinkle of the Foreign Policy Research Institute. "Sensitivities with Israel are so acute that if you rub them the wrong way one more time, you could go over the

Signs of hrewing confrontation were already apparent when Mr.

Shamir held what sources described as bad-tempered meetings with Secretary of State James Baker and President George Bush last week.

As Mr. Shamir saw it, Washington rode roughshod over his demand to hold the peace negotiations in the Middle East. It did not even give him a chance to present his case to Mr. Bush before issuing the invitations.

Israel has dragged its feet on replying. While it seemed unlikely to refuse to attend the talks, it has signalled that it wants limited discussions confined to procedural questions.

"Shamir is trying to get Bush and Baker to understand that the United States cannot impose solutions on Israel. If they do, there can be no progress even on procedural matters," said Martin Indyk, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"The message from Shamir is: If you want to play this role, try it and see how far you get."

#### The week in print

## Israel must comply with U.N. resolutions; new government has tough road ahead

past week gave prominence to the Middle East peace process in view of the coming talks in Washington, the issues facing the new government of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and a host of domestic issues.

A columnist in Sawt Al Sbaah said that if the United States wants to really achieve a just settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, it should first control the arrogance of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his cabinet minister Ariel Sharon.

Salameh Ekour said that the United States should force the Israeli government to comply with the will of the world com-munity and the United Nations resolutions and withdraw from the occupied Arab lands. The writer said no one believes that the Israelis can continue to challenge the U.S. administration and can survive without American

In the view of Tareq Masarweh, the upcoming negotiations are going to be with the United States only because Israel does not wish to negotiate with the Arabs nor return any land to

Masarweh, who writes for Al

ing the negotiations between the Americans and the Arabs, the Arabs will demand their rights back, in the face of continued Israeli rejections.

But he said that as long as Israel and the United States are in secret agreement about not giving up land in exchange for peace, the Arabs can never hope attain anything from the coming

In the opinion of Hamadeb Faraaneh of Al Dustour, the Arabs hold three winning papers in the coming negotiations: the presence of Palestinians strug-gling for independence under occupation, the need to see the international legitimacy implemented, as supported by the world community, and the readiness of the Arabs to recognise Israel and make peace with it if it complies with the requirements

of peace.
Ahmad Dhiban said that the Arabs should not forget that the United States continues to appease Israel and support its views. The writer said in his column, in Sawt Al Shaab, that by agreeing to move the venue of the negotiations to the Middle East after the opening talks in Washington, the United States is

JORDANIAN newspapers in the Ra'i Arabic daily, said that dur- United States would also try to at nothing in his drive to win a implementation of the directives that Libya would not be able to win more favour from the Jewish state at a later stage at the expense of the Arab World, be

> A columnist in Al Dustour called on the Arabs to concert their stands at the coming negotiations and suggested that Syria take the lead in this respect. The Arabs together can constitute a strong force in the face of Israel's intransigence and can abort any Israeli move to deal with the Arabs one at a time in order to achieve its evil designs, said Taher Al Udwan in Al Dustour.

Referring to the current U.S.-Israeli crisis, Abdul Rahim Omar said that differences in views between the two allies are real.

Omar said that the United States' interests are different from those of Israel and Washington can not allow any country to compete with it for the Arab oil. The U.S. can neither allow any country in or outside the Middle East region to become more influential than itself over the destiny of the Arabs and therefore Washington has to have its own way in all matters related to the

future of this region, Omar said. Mustafa Abu Lebdeh said in Sawt Al Shaab that Israel is really concerned because it believes trying to win Israel's favour. The President George Bush can stop

the prestige of ending the Arab-Israeli conflict at any price. The writer said that Mr. Shamir has discovered during his recent tour in the United States that Israel's cause is no more a sacred thing for the Americans. Besides, he said, the Americans believe that the Arah oil is very important for the American economy and re-duce the huge deficit in the American balance of payments.

Turning to the mission of new government of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Abdul Majid Nuseir said that the government was facing enormous domestic challenges in addition to those on the external front and the peace process.

Writing in Sawt Al Shash, Dr. Nuseir said that the government has to give attention to the prevalence of law, national unity, political pluralism, economic and social ills, like unemployment and poverty, among a host of other problems which include the reform of public administration.

Hamadeh Faraaneh, of Al Dustour, said that the government is in need of new techniques and proper methods to ensure the

dealing with the internal issues, disarray because they at the writer said, the government is Washington's influence. bound to concert its efforts with the Arab states directly involved achieve success at the Middle East peace talks.

The writer said that the government should expand its base and adopt sound measures to enable Jordan to rid itself of the obsolete routine so as to achieve success.

victory in rallying world efforts to sums of money.

crush Iraq.
By committing another aggression against the Arabs, the writer Shaah paid tribute to the Prime said, the United States hopes to offer Israel another advantage

over its Arab adversaries. His views are backed by Taher Al Udwan, in Al Dustour, who said that the false accusations against Libya are aimed at paving the way for an aggression against

The writer expressed regret corruption in government circles.

the Arab country.

new mandate for himself in the of His Majesty King Hussein and rally support for its just cause White House. He will try to win to carry out the government re- from the Arab World since, he form programmes. Apart from said, the Arab countries are in disarray because they are under

> Salah Abdul Samad said in his in the Arab-Israeli dispute to column in Al Ra'i Arabic daily that the Labour Ministry can not, on its own, deal with the question of non-Jordanian workers employed in the country and has to be assisted by the private sector.

> The writer referred in particular to the question of a recent Munes Al Razaz, of Al Dus- report that only 21,000 out of tour, tackled the question of 165,000 non-Jordanian workers American threats directed at hold work permits and said that a Libya and said that Washington is situation like this should prompt viewing the world at its own, the ministry to take strict meaproperty after following the end sures and safeguard public in-of the cold war and in view of its terest by avoiding the loss of vast

> > Salameh Ekour in Sawt Al Minister for outlining the programme of his government in the first Cabinet session. He said the Jordanian people hope that the government would adhere strictly to the King's directives and deal promptly with matters related to public administration, unemployment and poverty and end the

#### King: Israeli leaders fear just peace

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Did you base your acceptance on positive information for a peaceful resolution (to the conflict)? And what do you expect from the Washington

A: The start of the peace conference in Madrid has enabled our brothers in Paiestine, especially those who endured heroically for many years, to make a decent appearance in front of the whole world. Through Madrid they have reached every home and every person as a people straggling for their own rights on their soil. I think our performance in Madrid was good. We have prepared for that by providing the Palestinians with an mbrella within the joint delegation since there were no other options. Washington is a continuation of Mad-rid. It deals with Palestinian-Israeli and Arab-Israeli sides of the conflict. We continue on well-known bases, Resolutions 242 and 338, on which the original invitation to Madrid was based in addition to internation legitimacy. I have great hope that despite the difficult and severe cir-

cumstances we are going ahead. We have right on our side. We have been ing for peace since 1967. I personally was involved in the formulation of 242, though it did not get implemented so far. Then there is the ther conference, multilateral talks, in which, it appears, many important countries will participate. We hope that during these negotiations Arabs will discuss the situation in the future once peace is achieved and Arab rights are restored. I think there are my positive sides to the multilaterals. The Washington talks will mainly deal with the Palestinian aspect of the conflict, of the land and the right to it. While I think the other conference, and all others, and that is to seek a just and honourable peace that would be accepted by future generations. That is why I think the multilateral talks would provide the chance for especially as regards to Palestinian

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A: As far as Palestinian-Jordanian coordination since the end of Madrid is concerned, work is going on. We have covered many stages. We will not be on the receiving end dealing with issues as they occur. Instead we have an agenda and we have an agreement that we are developing ed in which all important issues are being discussed.

Q: What about coordination with the

PLO? Is it continuing? A: Coordination is continuing as we are concerned the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. We have a Palestinian embassy. Our stand is always supportive, within our means, to the rights of the Palestinian people on Palestinian soil.

Q: Israel annunced yesterday: it won't go to Washington on Dec. 4 but on the 9th. What is your comment on

A: I think attempts like this will continue. I think they result from the fear of the present Israeli leadership of peace. That is why its opting for delay tactics and waste of time. As far as we are concerned we have received an invitation for the 4th and our joint delegation will go on this basis. Our ements are based on that.

[5]33 TEPL O: You mentioned Jordanian-Palestinian coordination. What about coordination with Syria? I have been reading lately about some difference of opinion between the Syrian and Jordanian stands?

A: There could be some differences in interpretations. But since I am talking about the past, I'll also talk about the future. We are for coor-dination, coordination on equal footing as brothers. Propelled only by the igher national interest. We need to give and take; to agree when possible, and we should, God willing, agree on all our stands. In reality the problem seems to be the definition of coordination-Coordination should be a collective and joint effort. In the bsence of this we have our own interpretation. We are proponents of coordination and cooperation, God

willing.
Q: We have noticed that in your relations with Egypt, there is thaw.
You have telephoned President Hos-

m Mubarak and you sent him message. Shall we expect closeness in Egyptian-Jordanian positions?

A: In my opinion positions are close.

especially as regards our common cause that we are dealing with. I also believe that matters among Arab brothers should go back to its normal course. We are only soldiers carrying our duties, and men doing whatever we could with our nation's interest as our objective. We might have diffe rent approaches at times but we are doing our work and we hope that future generation will judge as posi-

Q: What are the issues which will be ed at the multilateral talks? Is it right it will convene in Moscow by the end of this month? A: We did not receive anything defi-

nite on the date or the place. But I think it will start after or within a short time of the start of the talks in Washington. By the way, since we mentioned Washington I think Washington is a suitable venue. The U.S. is a very important power in our world now. Maybe the attempt to move the issue from Washington to another place indicates not only procrastination but also a desire to be far from the U.S., which has a large percentage of American Jews who are seen that Israel should follow n realistic and rational and more flexible policy. The U.S., which has for a long me chosen to play this role - which, I have no doubt it will try to play again. It is the role of a mediator who abides by the rules. It should be respected concerning its campaign here as it should be respected in any similar situation any where in the world. It seems that Washington, and the U.S., is the suitable place. It seems that there are procrastination and escape attempts since we have a strong and just cause. In our case we defend peace and are trying to achieve it so as the generations after us will enjoy it and will accept it. Q: Do you trust the seriousness of the U.S. administration in achieving

A: It is our duty and our role. I think President Bush and his foreign minister, whom we had the chance to meet several times, have the determination and the intention to continue their work in a fair manner. Thus their goal is a just peace and ours is a just and ourable peace which the future renerations will accept.

Q: Your Majesty, if we can go back to the multilateral talks; some say prog-ress should be achieved in the peace negotiations first, and then the multiaterals should be held at the same time with the bilaterals. What is Jordan's position vis-a-vis this issue and what are the main points which will be discussed in it?

A: The main points discuss everything and I think chances and horizons given by this (multilateral) conference are much wider than this (biloteral) conference which we are about to start now. Therefore our conviction and belief is that it is necessary to be held very soon because it will form a very pressing and symbolic power in the way of softening stands and supporting rights. Q: But it depends on Israel's stand. It

seems Israel is not taking the peace process seriously. Suppose we reached a dead-end? Does His Majesty have a certain concept for getting out of the critical situation concerning

A: We have looked for peace for many years ago and our position in this regard is very clear. The world is asking us to carry out our role and our duty and to practically contribute to the making of peace. The world is watching and the world is interested. This part of the world is very important. Therefore we should carry out the role and duty to defend peace; not at any price, a just peace, an honour-able peace, a peace that gives the Palestinian his right on his national. soil and gives everybody the chance to live in security and stability in this region and gives them all their rights. That is the kind of peace we are looking for. The region is under a microscope and the whole world is matching and our issue is a strong and just issue and our inclination towards peace is for a real, just and honour-able peace. Israel with its leadership was radical and I think that even in

Israel there are many who are against

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radicalism, and are determined not to abort the process and to shoulder responsibility so that facts be known to everyone in the world.

We all know the status of Jeru-em in the heart of His Majesty and in the heart of every Arab and Muslim. Do you envisage any solution or peace without Jerusalem as Israel A: It is very important. It is more

important that being a part of a process. It is for all Muslims and for Q: What about the settlement issue,

Your Majesty?

A: This issue should be solved we believe. I have said it frankly more than once that is there should be an impression that work (for peace) is serious. But the Arab side should continue to deal with the issue of peace (even at a time) when settle ents are being built in the occupied Arab territories, which are under

Q: Suppose that progress towards peace was achieved. In the context of destinian-Jordanian relations, when the confederation means in the future? Is there a return to the issue of a

A: This people, Jordanians and Palestinians, are one people linked by strong bonds, clinging to one identity in both cases. But it forms two wings in one body, and practically forms elements in one family. It seems to me that the Palestinian tendency is towards distinct features. But the basis is that the people should prac-tice this right, meaning the right to self determination over their national soil. We cannot in advance define the features before the Palestinian people retains its right no its national soil and can hence practice this right and choose. I think in conclusion there should be special relations which will be exemplary for relations between brothers. I think things has developed in our Arab World as a whole. One day we were talking about one country and we were talking about one leadership. The situation is now different, whether in the Arab World or the whole world. Now we talk about integration and cooperation as in, for example, the European experiment. We are not saying it is ideal, but it achieved a lot. I suppose in the Arab World we should achieve as they did and more in the future. But in the current formula, there is adherence to the Palestininn identity for the

Jordanians, When we talk about Jordan, we talk about all the good people here, all the good people regardless of their origins.

Q: Is there any possibility that the decision to sever ties with the West lank be reviewed, particularly that Resolution 242 is legalty, in terms of the international law, linked to Jordan? And there are some parties who propose this as a way of achieving

Palestinians, and there is adherence

to the Jordanian identity for the

mational legitimacy? A: Naturally the relation when it commenced was a relation between relatives and brethren and that of support and backing to save this part of the Arab World, which was one day targeted, and then of work on supporting the Palestinian side. When the unity started the aim was that it (the Palestinian land) was n deposit till the Palestinian problem is solved. Palestinian and Arab demands. But this does not mean in any way to give an answer that might help the Palesti-nian side in any position. We had the bonour to defend this land and there was a unity in which we pride ourselves and there was the saving of

the West Bank and Jerusalem. We seek to get back the land not for ourselves, but for its owners who will decide its future. We demand the return of this land and we will work on that, and then its owners will ide whatever they want. There is nothing new in this issue, which is sensitive - that I cannot say more at the present.

Q: Your Majesty, there has been an optimistic scenario and a pessimistic one vis-a-vis the outcome of peace talks or whether they succeed or fail. You have often warned against war or disturbances in the region if this last chance of peace failed. Are there any new elements to the assessment we

heard from you before?
A: I will not talk of war at any day and I will not talk of it as long as there are no circumstances for it. If a battle in

forced on us we will defend oursieves with all our energy and capabilities. Talk of war is not one of my habits. War or the military option is the last option and in view of the current simulation I am sure that the world as a whole is moving in the opposite direc-tion from this kind of option, which may have been a possibility at one time or another in the past. If there is to be talk of force, then it would be force for self-defence, defence of land and our homeland. This is a right and a duty. If the peace efforts aimed at ing a just and honourable solution accepted by coming generations fail, then the ground will be left to the extremist elements and frustration will breed cases which may lead the whole region to the brink of n pre-cipice... I cannot predict the results.

region or the people living in it but might also affect the world as a Q: Your Majesty, how the Arab situation in general and after what befell the nation as a result of the occupation of Kuwait and what reed from that can be dealt with and

takes place, will not only affect this

what is the way out of this predica-A: We will do the impossible to come out of this current situation. I believe that every responsible brother in the Arab World and every person in this homeland — I am one of them — is aiming and hoping to deal with the repercussions of the past and to look at the present. If we look at the Arab people and the Arab states and the needed position towards confronting responsibilities as well as the present and the future, then things will become clear; facts will come to the surface and there will be real efforts to overcome all that happened for the sake of the interests of this region and for a better future, God willing. Q: Your letter of appointment to the new prime minister emphasised the need to correct the imbalances affecting Jordanian-Saudi relations. Is there any way to cover the past and restore ties quickly to what they have been before?

A: We do not harbour towards our brother His Majesty King Fahd and our Saudi brethren anything but love and admiration for their stand towards us because throughout the march the truth is that they were always supporting this country and they never failed us in any obligation. In many cases they were the forerunners in providing help and support and this is something neither me nor the Jordanian people would ever forget. We have faced many surprises which we dealt with within our canacity. As to the situation we are in, it id end once facts become clear. think that meetings are necessary and I am ready. I urge that meetings should take place at the highest levels although I think the issue does not require more than one encounter in itself and all negative aspects would disappear along with its impact be-cause the interest is that of the people in the two countries and the Arab World. As to-relations between the two kingdoms; the two countries are brothers and cooperation between us has always been unique. We do not get hurt from a brother because we sider ourselves only as men who have come, given the burden of re-sponsibility and will pass away and only the people will stay in this

Q: Noting that the Guif countries were annoyed or sad over Jordan's stand in the Gulf war, can Your Majesty make clar whether Jordan supported the occupation of Kuwait or not and did President Saddam form you of his decision concerning the invasion and did you know about

it before hand nor not?

A: For the last time, I state that Jordan was not informed on any day. Nor was me personally knowledge-able of a situation that would have resulted in harming the Arab status. never approved nor supported any conspiracy of the sort. We noted same signs which greatly bothered us at and after the Baghdad summit but we hoped that the complexities would be solved in a brotherly manner and in completely different ways. Frankly I was surprised by the military operation. We never supported the occupation of Knwait or the military inva-sion of Knwait or the changing of Knwait's features or the annexation of Kuwait. We tried to resolve the

issue with all our means and within the Arab framework and this is all that happened. Once we meet our thren the true picture of our position will be clear to every one. Our principled stand was clear from the very begining — that occupying lands of others by force is basically outlawed. Its illegality stands with Resolution 242. We are

for cooperation, trust and bortherly doubts. Q: Are there efforts to hold a comprehensive Arab summit, mini-

A: Any meeting would bring good results; God willing. There was talk and there may still be an opportunity shortly, God willing. It would give Arab leaders a chance to meet.

Q: Will you attend the Islamic sum-

A: God willing,
Q: If Your Majesty would allow me to
turn to local issues. Is the last government change an indication of a com-

prehensive change in the internal and external policies and why was this move taken at this time in particular? A: No, it is not the beginning of a comprehensive change at all. What is meant is democracy to which we are committed and which we have adopted. Although the first steps met with many difficulties and problems. we have chosen the road and we will continue to move with it. God willing. Naturally after the decision to sever ties with the West Bank we decided to conduct national elections. At that time or immediately after we took that decision, we were hit by the first economic shock which was caused by what had affected our brothers and friends in Palestine. It had reflected on us directly. Therefore we moved on the track of the elections. ... It could not be held before the decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank. Then there was the issue of the National Charter and a Royal Committee was formed. The

sons of the nation, from the extreme

reached results, which are truely a source of pride. But they have crystallised into reality yet, especially concerning political pluralism. Then we were surprised by the regional developments which have left their results on us. Even on the political level we are asking for linkage at one of the stages to deal with the Palestimian issue with the same manner as other issues in the world and this is the issue that has gained the limelight now and all efforts are extended to solve it. Things have moved fast and even our internal programme was overtaken by events. Therefore it was necessary to note the internal patients. meeting to pose the issues to the people as whole, our family and our prothers. Then we moved towards the political world and at the same time we tried to crystallise another track to reconstruct and organize our hope within this framework organized at this stage. The National Charter would become a larger reality in our

right to the extreme left, debated and lives and therefore nur people must have a say in who is going in repre-sent them in the future in light of the

Q: This is the second government in which the Muslim Brotherhood is not represented. It this the beginning of confrontation with opposition? And if that confrontation occurred do you believe Parliament should be dissolved and elections conducted?

A: When the National Charter turns into reality in our life this would naturally lead to elections no their set date. The House is only two years old. Circumstances might force learly elections. But the ultimate arbiter is the people, regarding government performance or parliamentary life as represented in the Lower House, my position I am very keen to see that no tresspassing from one side occurs no the other — not from the execu-tive on the legislative nor from any on the judicial. I want the march

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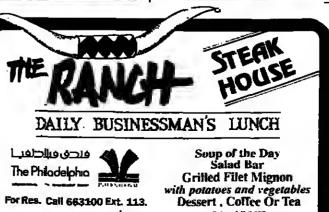


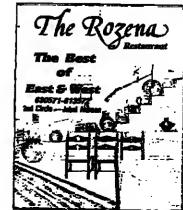
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## Top Soviet boxer to turn | Crews face mud, wind and cold professional in Australia

SYDNEY (R) — One of the Soviet Union's top amateur boxers, Konstantin Tsziu, has decided to turn professional and should fight his first professional bout in Sydney in January 1992, fight promoter Bill Mordey said

Mordey has signed the light welterweight, a gold medallist at the recent sixth World Amateur Championships here, to a threeyear contract which includes six fights in his first year.

"We hope to have thepaperwork together so be can come here in late December and his first fight will be in January in Sydney," Mordey told Reuters. Tsziu's second fight will be on the undercard of the Jeff Fenech/

Azumah Nelson world junior lightweight title in Melbourne on March 1.

"He wants to be the first Russian to win a professional world championship, that's his ambi-tion," said Mordey. "I know he will win a world

title. He is the most exciting fighter I have seen, apart from Jeff Fenech, in the last 10 years." Tsziu, 22, a superb technician with lightning fast hands, was the standout performer at the World Amateur Championships which

finished in Sydney last Saturday. Tsziu will be trained in Sydne by Johnny Lewis, who guided Fenech and fellow Australian Jeff Harding to a total of four world titles, Mordey said.

Mordey said he had no particular opponent in mind for Tszin's first bout but boubted there werev many Australians capable

Tsziu won 259 of his 270 amateur bouts and was a European Championship light welter-weight gold medallist in 1989 and 1991 and a World Championship bronze medallist in 1989.

start of a regular flow of boxing traffic between Australia and the Soviet Union, Mordey said.

"The Russians want to send some fighters here and want us to send some Australian boxers over there. This kid Tsziu holds the key to it all," said Mordey.

### Arsenal trio charged with misconduct

LONDON (R) — Arsenal's Engand internationals Ian Wright, David Seaman and Paul Merson were charged by the Football Association (F.A.) Friday with misconduct.

The F.A. made the announcement after studying a police re-port and a video film of incidents during and after the champions' match at Oldham on Nov. 16.

Striker Wright, a £2.2 million (\$3.85 million) signing from Crystal Palace, and Merson were seen to make provocative gestures to the Oldham fans.

Then at the final whistle Wright reportedly became involved in a spitting match with the fans.

Goalkeeper Seaman is alleged to have pushed a police officer. Last season Arsenal were fined £50,000 (\$87,500) and docked two points after a brawl during a match against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

But the F.A. have made it clear

### Saunders scores twice to earn Liverpool win

INNSBRUCK, Austria (R) -Dean Saunders, his future under threat, scored twice to earn Liverpool a 2-0 win against Swar-ovski Tirol in their UEFA Cup

third round first leg Wednesday. Saunders, struggling for goals since his close season transfer to Liverpool from Derby for a Brimin record £2.9 million (\$5.1 million), put them ahead in the 58th minute when he fired the hall through the goalkeeper's legs Keane.

virtually sealed Liverpool's place in the quarterfinals and was the perfect answer to manager Graeme Souness's attempts to

Earlier Wednesday, Nottingham Forest assistant manager Ron Fenton said they had rejected a deal to exchange Saunders for Irish international Roy

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West led the jack of diamonds, fetching dummy's deuce, the king from partner and declarer's acc. A low spade was led and taken by the ace, and West persevered with diamonds. Declarer covered the ten with dummy's queen and East ruffed. In an attempt to salvage the contract, declarer played low on East's club return, so West was able to win the king and cash two dia-

His second in the 78th minute swap the Welsh international.

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mond tricks for down two. Who went wrong and where? North's raise to four spades might

have been a bit pushy, but that's al had North simply invited with three spades, South would surely have accepted because of the ruffing value in hearts and the fact that all

of South's points were prime.

Although South should perhaps have saved a trick by going up with the ace of clubs, that would be nitpicking. The major error was made at trick one!

No matter what declarer did on the first trick, at least two diamonds would have to be lost. Since East's king of diamonds was obviously a singleton, and since the defenders held only one fast entry, observe what would have happened had de-clarer allowed East's king of diamonds to win the first trick.

Suppose East were to shift to a club. Declarer would win and lead a trump. West can grab the ace and revert to the ten of diamonda, but declarer simply plays low from dum-my and the defenders are helpless. If East ruffs, declarer follows low and makes the rest of the tricks, losing makes the rest of the trace, rooms only a trump, a ruff and a diamond. If East discards, declarer wins and draws the remaining trumps, ruffing two clubs in the process, and concedes only another diamond trick, thus losing only one trump and two diamonds. Duck soup!

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## to keep rally drivers on the road

Tsziu's signing could be the

F.A. spokesman-David Bloomto let the football authorities deal

That is not to say that players sanctions might be more serious," he said.

The three players face likely suspensions, possibly for three matches, and fines.

scored a late equaliser, two minutes after escaping a secondbooking for a foul on Oldham defender Earl Barrett that would

ing only from the referee, Oldham fans were incensed.

the Oldham incidents will not be

treated on anything like the same field said the police were happy

with the incident. are outside the law, but football

The trouble began after Wright

have meant his sending off. When Wright received a warn

PARIS (R) — Pegasus himself might have descended from the

heavens, the day wonder-colt Arazi humiliated his rivals in the

Breeders' Cup on Kentucky's famous Churchill Downs.

Now the horse many feel may

Trained in France by Francois

Boutin, Agazi-kned up for the

Breeders' Cup juvenile race three

weeks ago with a tall reputation

after six emphatic successes in all

the big events in his home coun-

was something special, but few

could have foreseen the arro-

gance with which he dealt with

Like something out of a Holly-

wood movie, Arazi raced in the

rear early on and then proceeded

to pass horses one by as if they

were wooden replicas, eventually

winning by a long-looking four

It was a performance to re-

Geoffrey Gibbs, vastly experi-

enced senior handicapper with the British Jockey Club, de-

and three-quarter lengths.

Peanuts

member.

the field at Churchill Downs.

Europeans already knew he

be the best since World War II

has the racing world agog ahead

of the 1992 season,

of North Wales.

CHESTER, England (R) — Carlos Sainz, Juha Kankkunen and Didier Auriol may grab the giory but it is the mud-covered mechanics and support crews who are the unsung heroes of railying.
They rise before dawn, work in

a punishing schedule. The Subaru team, which en-tered three cars and three top-class drivers in this week's RAC - the British leg of the World Championship - provided a typical example of the complex logistical exercise and

atrocious conditions and chase

across all terrains to keep up with

sheer strain involved. On Monday, day two, the team were woken at four a.m. in their

By five a.m. the 90-strong staff were on the road, speeding to-wards service and check points to ensure that the first stages of the day ran smoothly for Finns Markku Alen and Ari Vatanen and Briton Colin McRae.

Breakfast was provided in a windswept Welsh farmyard where the mechanics, wrapped in plastic against the icy wind, checked the three Subaru cars and the drivers went through their pace notes for the last time.

As the drivers ate scrambled eggs — except for Vatanen's codriver Ilkka Kivimaki who consumed chocolate and cola — it began to rain and the first autograph-hunter of the day appeared. It was still only 5.35

Minutes later the rally started and Alen, the veteran of the team, drove out of the farmyard for the first stage, through dark-ness and thick mud in the forests

scribed it as the best performance

he had ever seen from a two-year-

old. He felt he would never see

such great names as Secretariat.

Seattle Slew, Nijinsky, Sea Bird

Last week Arazi was voted

European Horse of the Year the

American equivalent should fol-

Sheikh Mohammad of Dubai,

Europe's top owner for the last

few years, has paid £5 million

(\$8.97 million) for a half share of

the action to American aircraft

Now a unique double is on the

Arazi's victory in Kentucky

showed he could handle the dirt

surface, while his career on the

turf in France has been a grand

affair. All the top juvenile races,

including the grand criterium at

Longchamp last month, fell his

clean sweep (of juvenile races) like that was a fantastic achieve-

ment and, for me, a first."

Boutin said: "To complete the

cards — the Kentucky Derby on .

May 2 followed by the English

manufacturer Allen Paulson.

Derby at Epsom.

and Ribot.

Comparison abounded with

Arazi lined up for unique derby double

Vatanen and McRae soon followed and then the crew had to pack up camp and move as fast as possible to their next rendezvous at a service point, two hours

By Then, David Richards, who co-ordinates the entire team operation by radio, was having to deal with the first problems of the day as he navigated, drove and talked simultaneously Alen called by radio to say his

car needed a new gearbox. Richards, managing director of Prodrive who run the Subaru team, sent messages ahead, via the team's twin-engined plane which was flying overhead above the thick clouds, to organise the gearbox change.

"It's always the same with Markku," he said. "I bet once we have changed the box, we'll find there's nothing wrong."

The change was executed at the

end of stage 11, in just 20 minutes, by five men working on a plastic sheet a few metres off the road. Each man had a torch strapped to his head.

Just as they had finished the job and Alen had departed for the next stage, his 23-year-old team mate McRae drove into view as leader of the rally.

The team waved him in for a routine service. McRae, in his rush, slid the car on the grass and slightly damaged the front as it crashed into the dumped remains of Alen's abandoned gearbox, earning a reprimand from

Subaru had 10 large transporters, providing spares and mecha-nical back-up for the the cars,

To those critics who claim Ara-

zi beat little of note in the U.S.,

the trainer retorted: "He beat a

supplemented into the race at

great cost and who, if Arazi had

not been running, would have won that race by four lengths and

collected all the top two-year-old

"Obviously he beat a very good

horse and not a nobody as some

have suggested — but perhaps

not as good as those he beat in

Europe. Remember, so many of

come out to win some very big

The colt's toughness has impressed his handler enormously.

Boutin said: "His great strength

has been the way he held his form

from May to November and im-

proved with the summer. Others

I have had may have been as :

good or better but could not hold

that peak of performance for so long — shining brightly but brief-

ly. Arazi has shone for a whole

So, crucially, will be as good a

horse as a three-year-old when

the classic prizes are up for grabs?

his victims (in Europe) have Europe.

horse (Bertrando) who had been .

four tyre trucks, four general service trucks and eight support cars on the road plus the team's aircraft in the sky.

Alen continued to have trouble with punctures, poor engine per-formance and over-heating. He needed a new inter-cooler - a task performed by three mechanics on the side of a mountain

road in another 20-minute frenzy. McRae, who twice spun and lost his lead, had new brake discs fitted all round at one stage before the entire team re-assembled in a disused quarry as darkness descended. By now, everyone was ex-

hansted and some tempers frayed, particuarly when Alen and Kivimaki, who have been together for 18 years, oveshot an emergency service point for refuelling and got lost. For half an hour, the airwaves

crackled with map grid references as darkness drew in. "Tell him not to run the engine

empty or he will blow it," snapped Richards down the radio. How many liters of fuel does he have left?

"Nine," came the answer. A quick piece of mental arithmetic told Richards that was enough for only 14 more kilometres - and Alen was driving flat out towards another service point nearly 20

kilometres away.

Richards organised a pincer,
movement with his mobile emergency service crews to intercept Alen and, with only three litres to spare, the car was refuel-

commander of an army in a war," said Richards. "But the thing is

Boutin is frank, "Well, I don't

know, but he look to be a horse

with scope," the Frenchman said.

"He is very European in physique

- not at all American - and if

he does improve physically from two to three he could very well be

the best I have ever trained."

The trainer bristled at sugges-

tions in France that the horse's

Breeders' Cap success could be

partly attributed to running, like

so many in America, with the

pain-killer bute, a legal medica-

tion there but outlawed in

Boutin said: "All his previous

successes were achieved without

any medication and they were

equally good. The medication

was just a precaution, not a spur.

It is ridiculous to belittle his

success, on the one hand saying he beat nothing in that race, and then add that his victory was due

While in Kentucky, Arazi had a minor and successful operation

on his knee. The colt returns to

France next month and then fans

on two cotinents will start count-

ing the days to May 2.

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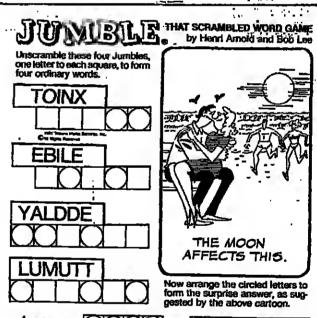
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: In regard to any important decision that you make during this well aspected day be sure that you don't let anyone talk you into a new programme or try to have you change your mind late tonight under the moon square Uranus.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You have some private worries and concerns that you would be wise to keep to yourself for others could thart avoiding you if you talk too

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) A friend can prove a big disappointment indeed if you rely upon him instead of doing what is necessary yourself and asking no favours of

careful you do nothing that could offend not only any official but any of the little people of the community or you downgrade your image. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) There are lots of new ideas me to you and you are tired of usual concerns but its not the time for a change but you can study

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Be

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your urge for more financial security does not come to you today by trying to force some money idea with an expert but by doing your OWN SCHWILL.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is your moment to show you do value the good will and

active affiance of a partner by going along without quibbling with some ideas your ally expresses. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Now you find that you need to make sure you quietly but effec-tively make your own quarters more attractive and avoid tempta. tion to tell off one who isks you

SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) Take some time out to

please one of whom you are fond but who is in the doldress but

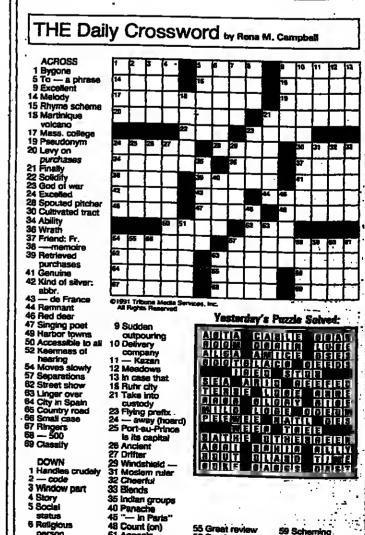
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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your own residence can be a site of big disappointment if you expect much there but you can win out over this if you spend your time making your home more

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to muary 20) Your interest in making daily routines more efficient and satisfactory would only lead to discussions now so hold your head high and do your job well. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

ary 19) You could have some money problems that are not set-tled by refusing to look at it but use much conservatism in handling it and don't discuss with outsiders. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You want retire within your shell now which is just great for the outside world could be a place of much disappointment if you try to force matters there.







U.S.	Dollar	ĺm	International	Market
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	Date 27/11/91	Dair 28/11/91
Sterling Pound®	1.7685	1.7685
Deutsche Mark	1.6145	1.6156
Swiss Franc	1.4260	1.4267
French Franc	5.5135	5.5110**
Japanese Yes	129.89	130.07
European Curreny Unit	1.2605	1.2621 **
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5.12	4.87	4.81	4.93
10.37	10.43	10.43	10.43
9.56	9_37	9.37	9.31
8.00	8.12	8.06	7.87
9.68	9.68	9.62	9.56
6.34	6.06	5.87	5.68
10.12	10.12	10.12	10.18
	5.12 10.37 9.56 8.00 9.68 6.34	5.12     4.87       10.37     10.43       9.56     9.37       8.00     8.12       9.68     9.68       6.34     6.06	5.12     4.87     4.81       10.37     10.43     10.43       9.56     9.37     9.37       8.00     8.12     8.06       9.68     9.68     9.62       6.34     6.06     5.87

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Metal	USD/Oz	JO/Gm°	Metal	USD/Oz	JD/Gm
Gold	367.00	6.90	Silver	4.09	.089
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#### Date: 28/11/91

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dellar	0.681	0.683
Sterling Pound	1.2021	1.2081
Deutsche Mark	0.4208	0.4229
Swiss Franc	0.4765	0.4789
French Franc	0.1232	0.1238
Japanese Yen*	0.5234	0.5260
Dutch Guilder	0.3734	0,3753
Swedish Krona	0.1149	0.1155
Italian Lira*	0.0558	0.0561
Belgian Franc	0.02043	0.02053
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Other Carrencies	Date: 28/11/91		
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Carrency	Bid	Offer
Bahraini Dinar	1.7770	. 1.7860
Lebanese Lira*	0.0772	0.0779
Saudi Riyal	0.1813	0.1820
Kuwaiti Dinar		<del>-</del> -
Qatari Riyal	0.18455	0-1852
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2150
Omani Riyal	- 1.7430	7-7520
UAE Dirham	0.18455	0-1852
Greek Drachma*	0.3681	0.3732
Cypriot Pound	1,4777	1-4991

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CAB	Indices	for	Amman	Financial	Market

Index	26/11/91	Close	27/11/91	Close
All-Share	125.03		125.14	
Banking Sector	104.76		104.91	
Insurance Sector	126.63		127.09	
Industry Sector	155.10		155.18	
Services Sector	138.74		138.43	

#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the huying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and hullion markets Friday.

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One Sterling	1.7545/60	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.1345/50	Canadian dollar
	1.6350/60	Deutschemarks
	1.8410/20	Dutch guilders
	1.4405/12	Swiss francs
	33.65/66	Belgian francs
	5.5850/5900	French francs
	1230/1231	Italian lire
	130.20/30	Japanese yen
•	5.9800/50	Swedish crowns
	6.4250/4300	Norwegian crowns
	6.3540/90	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	366.50/366.90	U.S. dollars

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#### Trade deficit points to increasing weakness in Canadian economy

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demand abroad, are unlikely to

across the board in September.

with shipments slipping 0.4 per

cent, unfilled orders dropping 0.6

per cent and new orders down 0.3

per cent, the government agency

there is any recovery it is a very

weak recovery," said Mark Mar-

cogliese, an analyst with Statistics

The trends for transportation

electrical, fabricated metals and

wood manufacturers are ail slow-

ing down. And the prospects for

coal, machinery and paper manu-

facturers are not much better,

broad hased and not related to a

specific sector," said Arow Gam-

pel, a senior economist with the

Bank of Nova Scotia, who adds

that order bookings are being

trimmed back in conjunction with

export-led recovery io Canada.

"This calls into question an

"It looks like the recovery,

even a very limited recovery, has

petered out," said Andrew Jack-

son, chief economist with the

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third quarter. Actually we oever

really came out of a recession but

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**Amman Financial Market** 

weekly trading

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous

Sectoral trading:

**WORLD STOCK MARKETS** 

By Reuter

TOKYO - Stocks ended easier but off lows after a day

dominated by arbitrage hoy and sell programmes. The 225-share

Nikkei average was down 93.07 points or 0.41 per cent to 22,687.35, with an estimated 250 million shares traded.

FRANKFURT - German shares showed their largest drop in 14

weeks as Moscow's worries touched the market weak spot - its

close relations with the troubled Soviet Union. The DAX index

ZURICH — The Zurich bourse ended a mostly lifeless session

weaker but above the day's lows. The all-share SPI index closed

LONDON — The equity market ended slightly weaker with little

in the way of good news to eocourage the FTSE 100 index away

PARIS - Revived worries about the stability of the Soviet Union

helped pull the Paris bourse down nearly one per cent in generally quiet trade. The CAC-40 index closed down 15.18 at 1,739.70.

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Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30 p.m.

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from current depressed levels. It closed 8.4 down at 2420.2.

closed down 21.59 at 1,566 57.

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down 7.1 at 1,040.2.

There is a real chance we

Canadian Labour Congress.

weakening retail sales.

Weakness in orders is very

Manufacturing is weak and if

Statistics Canada has said.

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analysts said.

Manufacturing output fell

rebound from recession soon.

OTTAWA (R) - Canada suf- Ferley. fered a 311 million dollar (\$276 millioo) trade deficit in September for the first time in more than 15 years as imports hit a record high and exports fell sharply.

"It is a disturbing number given the fact that most export categories are down," said Boh Boaz. chief economist with Deacon Barclays de Zoete Wedd Ltd. "The Canadian economy has stalled and it points towards the third quarter being at risk."

Canada pulled out of recession in the second quarter when the economy grew after a year of falling output.

Since then the frail economy has shown increasing signs of extremely slow growth.

Maoufacturers hlame the high value of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar for the fall in exports, although the strong currency has given a boost to Canadian consumers.

According to government statistics, exports fell 852 million dollars (\$756 million) to 11.6 billion dollars (\$10.3 billion) in September while imports rose 524 million dollars (\$465 million) to 11.9 billion dollars (\$10.6 billion.

"Exports are falling relative to the second quarter, and that drag is compounded by a jump in imports," said Paul Ferley, an economist with the Bank of Mon-

Most analysts had predicted a trade surplus of about one hillion dollars (\$900 million) and blamed the drop in exports on weakness in the United States, Canada's largest trading partner.

The U.S. economy is weak and exports will not surge. But there is reason to hope there will not be another sharp drop-off as seen in this month," said Mr.

Industrial

Share price index

#### **Indians** show anger over reform

NEW DELHI (R) - A one-day nationwide strike called by leftist Canada has traditionally relied unions to protest against reforms oo a large trade surplus to offset in India's state-dominated ecointerest payments and dividends nomy crippled business across the nation Friday, officials and reon inflows of capital investment. Economists said Canadian ports said. manufacturers, plagued by poor

The strike halted work at statepanies, forced cancellation of air-

and 3.5 million government employees joined the strike, said All-India Industrial Strike Com-

Acting Labour Minister P.A. Sangma disputed the figures, saying the strike had had little or no impact in two-thirds of India. but he said the financial sector and air traosport had been

The strike had limited effect in

Workers squatted on railway tracks in West Bengal to stop for work.

But the strike was generally peaceful across the nation of 850 million people, news agencies

A spokesman for Indian Airlines, the main domestic carrier, said 40 per ceot of its Friday

oormally and the crucial sub-

Workers fear a planned restructuring of India's bloated and mean large-scale layoffs.

The government is planning major banking reforms. State-

Harish Sharma, joint secretary

A Congress Party government returned to power in June, facing ecocomic crisis and burdened with a \$71 billion foreign debt. A month later, it stunned India

announced so far. The government says a national renewal fund, being set up with \$500 millioo of World Bank money, will retrain and relocate workers who lose their jobs in the

owned banks and insurance comlioe flights, disrupted public transport and shut down state iodustrial plants, Indian news

agencies reported.

More than 12 million workers M.K. Pandhey, chairman of the

seriously affected.

New Delhi and Bombay, but Calcutta, state capital of West Bengal where a communist-led government is in power, was virtually paralysed.

For India's Marxist parties, which hold about 50 seats in the 545-member Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament), the strike was an opportunity to rally members dismayed by the collapse of communism elsewhere io the

trains. Railway officials said they were beaten and thrown out of their offices when they reported

flights were cancelled. Bombay officials said state-run

banks and insurance companies were at a standstill but the city's port, India's busiest, was working urban rail octwork was onaffected.

debt-ridden state enterprises will

owned banks control 80 per cent of all assets and unions fear reforms will allow private sector banking to grow at their expense.

of the Bank Employees Federa-tion of India, told reporters oo a picket line in the capital that the new policies, initiated at the "instace of the loteroational Monetary Fund and the World Bank, are aimed at enslaving the country and destroying our self-reliance."

with far-reaching economic re-forms reversing four decades of government control of an eco-

nomy protected from international competition. The government swept aside red tape that businessmeo had complained of, invited loogdespised foreign companies to take majority stakes in joint ven-

tures and liberalised a restrictive international trade regime. It also borrowed about \$4 billioo from the International Monetary Fund, which had been pressing for many of the reforms

## **Experts see slower than** expected world recovery:

SANTIAGO, Chile (R) — Economic recovery in industrial oations appears to be slower than expected and the world economy could grow less than forecast in 1992, International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Michel Camdessus said Thurs-

The IMF had projected a moderate world recovery next year based on a 2.75 per ceot rate of growth in iodustrialised coun-

"In the last few weeks we have observed several signs that the recovery of the U.S. economy could be less solid than ex-pected," Mr. Camdessus said Mr. Camdessus said during a visit to Chile.

He said indicators also pointed to a more fragile economic situation in other industrialised coun-

"These signals have given rise to a visible loss of confidence among consumers and investors that contributed, oo dooht, to the recent decline oo stocks markets," he said.

"We can still expect a recovery of growth in industrialised nations in 1992, but it could be somewhat less than we had expected," Mr. Camdessus said.

Speaking at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latio America and the Caribbean, Mr. Camdessus said growth io de-veloping nations will, likewise, he slightly under the IMF's original

Latin America will achieve a real growth rate of 2.25 per cent io 1992, still too little, he said.

Mr. Camdessus said a majority of Latin American countries had undertakeo structural adjostments, slashed their fiscal deficits and brought inflation ooder con-

A large group of countries could expect to grow between four and five per cent oext year, among them Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Chile, he

Mr. Camdessus singled out Argeotina and Peru for bold efforts to adjust their economies. He said Argentina had restored

domestic and international coofidence and the IMF hoped to support its adjustment programme with an extended facility agreement early next year.

On Peru, whose debt arrears include obligations with the IMF, Mr. Camdessus said: "Experience has taught me never to lose hope over the situation of a coun-

Mr. Camdessus said there was much room to increase saving levels worldwide by cutting unproductive speoding, particularly military budgets.

He said the additional saving could be enough to finance the rebuilding of castern European economies, fund reforms in the Soviet Union and repair the damage done by the Gulf war without having to reduce aid to develop-

ing nations.
The World Bank's chief economist said last Tuesday that an anticipated recovery in the world economy is not happening and economie growth in 1992 will be disappointing, with this year one of the worst since 1945.

Lawrence Summers, who is also vice president of the bank, told an economie seminar in

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Michel Camdessus

Tokyo that output in the developing world was expected to fall this year for the first time since 1950.

While some official forecasts saw restoration of moderate world economic growth in the 2.5-3.0 per cent range in 1992, recent developments, particularly in the United States, were alarming, Mr. Summers said.

A wide range of indicators suggested that an anticipated pickup economic activity was not occurring, be said.

But slower growth was due to individual conditions in various conotries, he said.

"In these circumstances, there is no compelling case for concerted international actioo," he

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Monday that the United States looks set to suffer one of its slowest ecocomic recoveries ever, but it should be able to avoid falling back into

The OECD, which acts as a "think tank" for major industrial nations, said in a special report that lower interest rates and oil prices should lead to faster U.S. economic growth next year.

'We doo't think there will be a double-dip recession," said an OECD official, who asked not to be identified. "But the recovery will be slow."

After snapping out of recession the Gulf war, the U.S. economy has recently shown signs of Tatagnating, setting off alarm bells oo Wall Street and Capitol Hill about the recovery's durability.

they have had to revise down official said.

growth in just the past few weeks but they said they remained confident that the recovery is con

The OECD now expects U.S. economic growth next year of about 2.5 per cent, instead of the 3.1 per cent it was forecasting before. That would make the recovery one of the slowest, if not the slowest, ever.

OECD officials said the economy should pick up steam as 1992 progresses. Growth in the fourth quarter of this year is expected to only be about 1.5 per

cent, picking up slightly to some two per cent in the first quarter of 1992, they added. An OECD official said he could not rule out completely the possibility of the economy actualcootractiog in the fourth quarter. But even if that occurred, it would not mean the U.S. eco-

sion, just humping along the bottom, he said. However, he voiced concern about consumers' recent lack" of confidence about the economy,

nomy was falling back into reces-

saying that could prove self-fulfilling if it persists and trigger a double-dip recession. OECD officials said the U.S. economy has failed to pick up as originally forecast because it has

taken longer than expected for lower interest rates to spur While the OECD believes that interest rates have already been cut far enough, they said the Federal Reserve (Fed) could cut

rates further without taking any major risk with inflation, "We don't think there's any inflationary risk right oow," one OECD official said. "If they (U.S. policymakers) want to take out insurance on the recovery, we would rather they ... lower in-terest rates than break the budget

agreement." But the OECD warned that the Fed will have to be ready to raise interest rates back up again after the economy picks up steam and well before it starts to strain against its capacity constraiots. That, though, is unlikely to happen

until 1993. While the OECD generally give in the second quarter following good marks to last year's agreement to cut the budget deficit by neatly \$500 billioo over five vears, it warned that it could be undermined.

"We remain concerned about OECD officials admitted that the budget deficit," an OECD

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## **U.N.** troops pull back after attack on Cambodian leaders

BATTAMBAG, Cambodia (R) ployed in the near future, the - United Nations peacekeepers have withdrawn from frontline positions in northwestern Cambodia fearing revenge attacks by Khmer Rouge guerrillas, a senior Australian officer told Reuters

Two days after arriving in Battambang, a three-man detach-ment of Australian signallers and 31 French transport specialists were ordered to return to Phnom Penh after an angry mob there attacked Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan forcing him to leave the country.

The soldiers, part of the U.N.'s Advance Mission In Cambodia (UNAMIC), had been deployed in Battambang, Cambodia's second biggest city, Monday to establish radio communications between the U.N. and Cambodian army headquarters.

The small U.N. force was ordered to pull ont as a security measure after the attack on Khieu Samphan and his defence minister Son Sen, in Phnom Penh Wednesday, but would be rede-

judicial system, a model for much

of the world, looked badly

tarnished this week after fresh

disclosures about miscarriages of

Even as a government-

appointed commission consi-

dered what reforms were needed,

new cases of unsafe convictions

during the 1970s and 1980s

eroded public confidence in the

nation's bewigged and robed

judges, its juries and its police.

ancient legal system, based on a

mixture of statutes and prece-

dents, drew criticism from Prin-

cess Anne. Oueen Elizabeth's

daughter.
"If you can't understand what

the law is saying and what the law means, there is a major problem

Her comments capped a bad

On Monday, an appeal court

quashed the conviction of Win-

for society itself," she said.

week for the law.

And the complexity of the

instice.

officer said.

Mr. Khieu Samphan had returned to Phnom Penh that day from 13 years in exile under the terms of U.N.-sponsored peace accords between the government and a guerrilla coalition the Khmer Rouge dominates.

Seven hours after their arrival he was bundled, beaten and bloody, onto a plane back to Bangkok along with Mr. Son Sen after their residence was stormed by a vengeful mob of Cambo-

The two men were forced to hide in a wardrobe while hundreds of attackers, some armed with axes, screamed for retribution for relatives killed during the 1975-79 Khmer Rouge revolution in which more than a million

Asked if the reason for the pullout was fear of Khmer Rouge attacks, the officer replied: "Yes. that's basically correct."

Australia has provided a 40man contingent of signallers to UNAMIC and the deployment to

was hacked to death in a riot.

Court of Human Rights censure

the government for using the law to bar press coverage of a bood,

Spycatcher, which contained

memoirs of a former secret agent.

Next, big store chains announced that, as there has

been no reform of a centuries-old

law which curbs them from doing

The Silcott case and other mis-

carriages of justice, however,

provoked the biggest outcry.

Similar cases have involved Irish

people being freed on appeal

vears after being convicted over

fatal Irisb Republican Army

A common thread in several

Campaigners raised doubts ab-

cases has been that public outrage

put police under pressure to get

out original trial evidence by the

(IRA) bombing attacks.

convictions.

ston Silcott, 32, jailed in 1987 for police, accepted by juries under

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

TOKYO (R) — A former Japanese cabinet minister received a

punitive prison term Friday for evading billions of yen in tax on

stock speculation profits while in office. In a landmark case

against Japan's tradition of money politics, Toshiyuki Inamura,

environment minister between 1983 and 1987, was sentenced to

three years and four months with bard labour without possibility

of remission. Mr. Inamura was the first politician to receive such a

prison term, seen as a warning to others, since former Premier Kakuei Tanaka was convicted in the 1976 lockheed bribery

scandal. Sentences on tax evasion cases are usually suspended in

Japan on pledges of future good conduct. "The defendant

betrayed the people by evading his duty to pay taxes. Also, the sum was too large," said Judge Shigeru Matsuura at the Tokyo district court. "The defendant definitely lacked responsibility as a

member of parliament who should be an example to the nation,'

he said. Mr. Inamura, who had pleaded guilty to the charges tried

to appeal for leniency on the grounds that politicians required

massive funds to stay in office and that he had shown remorse by

MANILA (R) — The Philippines Friday completed filing criminal charges against Imelda Marcos, raising the number now pending against the former first lady to 80. Solicitor-general Francisco

Chavez said Friday's 12 counts of corruption would be the last

criminal charges lodged by the government against the widow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos. But thousands of political detainees

jailed by her late busband also plan to sue. Romco Capulong, a

lawyer for dissidents tortured and jailed under martial law, said

they want a share of the Marcos wealth to compensate for their suffering. Justice Secretary Silvestre Bello said he has formed a

panel to prepare charges of human rights abuses against the

Marcoses. Mr. Chavez said the new criminal cases filed with the Justice Department alleged that Mrs. Marcos and a business associate, Roberto Benedicto, used \$75 million illegally deposited

in Swiss banks to buy high-yield central bank treasury notes.

SINGAPORE (R) - Prime Minister Gob Chok Tong said Friday that a

visit be made to South Africa in October was aimed at assessing prospects for business once anti-apartheid sanctions are lifted. "I stoped by to see for myself what the place was like and of course,

at the back of my mind was whether we could do business with the

South Africans when the sanctions are lifted," Mr. Gob said in a

lecture to university students. Mr. Goh was replying to a question

about his surprise visit to South Africa after commonwealth heads of government met in neighbouring Zimbabwe. Mr. Goh went to South Africa two days after the Commonwealth lifted consular

and visa restrictions, cultrual and scientific boycotts and a ban on

air travel links in recognition of reforms aimed at giving blacks

political rights. The summit also decided to lift trade and financial

sanctions in stages as South Africa moves from white-led rule to

**Gunmen kiji five in Pakistan** 

Singapore premier visited S. Africa

Last cases flied against Mrs. Marcos

resigning from his lower bouse seat.

Former Japanese minister jailed

business Sunday, they were simp-

ly going to break it,

Tuesday saw the European

Scales of justice tip against U.K. system

LONDON (R) — The English the murder of a policeman who

Battambang of a three-man detachment was to have lasted for Soviet-made artillery at Khmer the duration of the U.N.'s mission in Cambodia.

"We're pulling down in one day what took us three days to set said a despondent Austraup," said a despondent Ausura-lian corporal at a temporary base in Battamoang's dowdy January 7th Hotel, after receiving orders to withdraw.

"I feel sorry for the locals. They think we're here to fight. That makes it tough.' The Cambodian army com-

mander of Number Four Division, based in Treng district 40 kilometres south of Battambang, said he had ordered his troops to re-establish and clean out trenchworks in case of a Khmer Rouge attack.

they'll (the Khmer Rouge) soon ployed to his position.
attack us," said Lientenant"I wish UNAMIC could be attack us," said Lientenant-Colonel Ken Bunthoeurn.

He said he ordered his troops to redig the trenches soon after he heard of the mob attack in

rated confessions.

law reformers.

issues before it.

of police evidence.

Space

police had better face up to that,"

said Anthony Scrivener, chair-man of the Bar Council who won

Silcott's appeal. He added that

judges had been far too trusting

Judge James Pickles, a colour-

ful and outspoken figure in Brit-ish jurisprudence, said Friday

that confidence in the law had

never been lower. Some police-

meo had broken, twisted and

perverted the law, he alleged.

near-miss

Government troops aimed Rouge positions around Pailin, a ing district near the Thai border held by the guerrillas.

On Thursday, intermittent shelling could be heard from government positions around the nearby Treng commune.
"So far we fight back to defend

ourselves. We respect the cease-fire and we don't violate," Col. Bunthoeurn said. "But, if they (the Khmer Rouge) violate, they oblige us to return fire."
"We should not trust them

because their actions are different to their talk," he said. Speaking from his headquar-ters, a timber and dirt-reinforced

bunker bearing the scars of past rocket attacks, the Phnom Penh "After Khieu Samphan and commander said he hoped UN-Son Sen left Phnom Penh, I think AMIC peacekeepers could be de-

based here with me so we know who is violating the peace agreement. If UNAMIC just stays in Battambang they (the Khmer Rouge) will ignore the truce."

#### Kohl warned not

#### an English system which allows conviction based on uncorroboto concede The Royal Commission set up too much earlier this year has a mandate to review the entire judicial system

on EC in England and wales. It is hearing views of judges, police and

BONN (R) — Germany's opposi-tion Social Democrats (SPD) But the use of confessions in seen as one of the most pressing warned Chancellor Helmut Kohl Friday not to concede too much on European integration, to win "The confidence of juries in support for a deal at a crucial EC convicting on confessions alone has been shattered, and the

summit next month. The party's foreign spokesman, Norbert Gansel, said his party might block ratification of treaties on EC economic and political union if they did not strengthen the European Parliament considerably.

Mr. Kohl's decision to back a

gradual strengthing of the Euronean Parliament, a key concession he has made to win British support at the EC's Maastricht summit on Dec. 9-10, could hurt rather than help further integration, he said.

"A step-by-step plan can easily turn into a stumbling block along the road to Europe," Mr. Gansel told a radio interviewer. "If Maastricht does not bring any improvement, then German) ratification is in danger Mr. Kohl originally wanted the

European Parliament to take on wide-ranging powers by its next election in 1994. He began speaking of a longer

British Prime Minister John Major, who faces deep concern within his own Conservative Party over any loss of sovereignty to the But the chancellor made clear

timetable this week after meeting

Thursday he could make that concession only if the summit made the Community's progress towards full integration irreversi-The head of the Bonn parlia-

ment's EC Committee, like Mr. Kohl a Christian Democrat, said her group also thought current plans for strengthening the European Parliament were too weak.

The government will press for more improvements on these points," Mr. Renate Hellwig said in a statement Friday. would now be exempted from

#### Ukraine expected to choose independence KIEV, Soviet Union (R) — De-

fying warnings of catastrophe from President Mikhail Gorbachev, Ukrainian voters are likely to choose independence Sunday and slam the door on his plans for a new Soviet confedera-

Ukrainian politicians expect voters to say "yes" for independence by a convincing majority, confirming a decision taken by parliament in Kiev after the collapse of last August's Moscow

Voters will simulataneously choose the first directly-elected Ukrainian president from a field of six candidates.

Parliamentary Chairman Leonid Kravchuk, a former Communist Party ideologist, is strongly favoured to win against a divided opposition.

Local journalists said Kravchuk's chances of winning over 50 per cent majority on the first ballot and avoiding run-off were improved this week by the withdrawal of Agriculture Minister Alexander Tkachenko.

Mr. Tkachenko called on his supporters to give their votes to Mr. Kravchuk.

The Ukraine has been ruled from Moscow for more than 300 years, since the two countries were linked by a treaty.

Its first attempt to achieve independence after 1917 Bolshevik Revolution was crushed by Mos-

An independent Ukrainian state would have 53 million people, making it among Europe's largest countries.

Despite the likely outcome of the vote, there is little agreement on what independence will mean or the economic and political price the Ukraine may have to pay to decide it.

"Everybody wants to live in a free Ukraine, but everybody understands that in their own way," said Yuri Makarov, leader of a workers' strike committee.

"What I fear is that an independent Ukraine will end up as a reproduction of the old Soviet Union on a smaller scale, said Arkady Boodaryevsky, a radiologist.

Critics of Mr. Kravchuk say he is the candidate of the old Communist bureaucracy which still occupies almost all top positions that the ruling party itself no longer exists.

They accuse him of being too ready to mak. necessions to Moscow and of lacing the commitment of radical pobtical and economic change displayed by

#### Shock for De Klerk as black-white talks start

JOHANNESBURG (R) --South Africa's first political re- Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretform talks between whites and ary of Nelson Mandela's African blacks began Friday after white National Congress (ANC), the voters delivered a loud "no" to biggest black grouping. "We President F.W. de Klerk's plans think we are going to have very to share power with blacks.

While most sides at the historic talks at a Johannesburg Airport representing the National Party Hotel expressed optimism about creating a post-aparthied con- 1948 and abandoned it this year. stitution, the pro-apartheid Con-said: "There is no alternative to servative Party celebrated a negotiations. crushing victory over Mr. De Klerk's National Party in an all Coetsee brushed aside the Virgi-

major party boycotting the talks

said that while the result was a lose a national white referendum a white government. on his reforms, widely expected

white election going any further undo them.' and predicted his party would

Friday, 21 political groups, in- their new patriotic front negotiatcluding the white government, ing alliance by secretly agreeing elected two senior judges to chair with Mr. De Klerk to set up an the two-day talks at preparing for interim government. Both the full-scale negotiations on Dec.

"We are very optimistic," said good outcome. Defence Minister Roelf Meyer,

which introduced apartheid in

He and Justice Minister Kobie white parliamentary by-election. nia loss as resulting from a local The Conservatives — the only economic recession.

But as the conference con-- seized the rural Orange Free vened, radio stations were run-State constituency of Virginia ning interveiws with Virginia Thursday night by more than whites saying they were dismayed 3,000 votes, representing a 15 per at government plans to shed 300 cent swing away from the years of white supremacy. Sever-Nationalists and their reform al said that if they could not stop Mr. De Klerk at the ballot box Independent political analysts they would take up their guns.

The talks are the first on polibad blow for Mr. De Klerk, it did tical reform between a range of not necessarily mean be would anti-apartheid organisations and

Barney Desai of the radical to take place next year if the talks pan Africanist Congress (PAC) go well.

Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) told reporters: "We hope we can But Conservative Party leader come out of this with a govern-Andries Treurnicht called on Mr. ment of legitimacy. If there have De Klerk to hold another all- been any deals done we must

The PAC dropped a political bombshell Wednesday when it Within minutes of convening accused the ANC of undermining government and the ANC have

### **Curfew in Togo after** troops 'topple' government

LOME (R) — Soldiers in the West African country of Togo imposed an overnight curfew after saying they had toppled transitional Prime Minister Joseph Kokon Koffigoh.

The soldiers, who took control of radio and television stations Thursday, broadcast demands bat President Gnassingbe Eyadema, stripped of most powers by a democratic conference in August, appoint a new eovernment.

They also demanded the restoration of Mr. Eyadema's former ruling party, the Rally of the Togolese People Party which was banned Sunday by the High Council of the Republic, the reformist interim government.

"Otherwise the entire city will oe ashes." a communio Mr. Eyadema and Mr. Koffigoh met Thursday to seek a com-

There was no immediate word

pared to order troops back to barracks if the council rescinded the ban on his party.
They also said Mr. Koffigoh

had asked that France, the former colonial power, send troops to restore order in the country of 3.2 million people. Mr. Koffigoh, a 43-year-old

human rights attorney who was named transitional prime minister in August by a national conference which ended Mr. Eyadema's autocratic rule, earlier told French International Radio he had been the victim of a coup. He appealed to democratic

forces to help him to control in Togo, where the military -- two thirds of whom are drawn from Mr. Eyadema's Kabye tribe — have chafed under his rule. France condemned the military

action and called for a peaceful transition to democracy. The military action followed

bloody riots in the capital Lome. on the outcome of the talks but largely between young pro-French official sources in Paris democracy demonstrators and said Mr. Eyadema, who has been members of the Kabye tribe loyal

#### Russian President Boris Yelstin. in power for 24 years, was pre- to Mr. Eyadema. China releases pro- democracy activist

PEKING (R) — China release Friday a student activist jailed for his part in the 1989 democracy protests, the New China News Agency (NCNA) announced.

It said Wang Youcai was released early from a 41/2 years prions sentence because he had

The agency said that a second man, labour activist Han Dongfang, on bail after being arrested graduate physics student. following the 1989 protests,

The NCNA report headlined "China releases two rioters" said Mr. Han had been exempted from prosecution because he had turned himself in. It did not

ciaborate. Mr. Han was dubbed "China's Lech Walesa" for his role in organising the country's first independent labour union.

Mr. Wang is a former post-The appouncement came as China's Communist Party Central

Committee ended a key meeting in Peking.

It follows the visit to China this month of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, who blantly warned his hosts that China's record on buman rights threatened Sino-U.S. ties and billions of dollars of Chinese exports.

The decision had been predicted by American buman rights campaigner John Kamm, who said last Friday he had been tipped off by Chinese authorities.

Olympic long jump champion, has admitted that he had worked as an informer for the state security police of former Communist east Germany. Dombrowski told the Chemnitzer Morgenpost newspaper that he had signed an about fellow athletes to the Stasi, who spied oo millions of east Germans and compiled files on every aspects of their lives. "I am sorry that I signed in 1979. I was just frightened that I would not be allowed to travel abroad anymore." Dombrowski, 32, was quoted as saying. He is the first top-class sportsman to admit to having worked for the organisa-

#### **Eiderly sisters** iose car at garage

LONDON (R) - Two absentminded sisters blamed thieves when their car vanished from outside their London home. Berly and Doris Mead, both in their 80s, forgot they had asked a garage to tow the car away for repairs after it failed to startoge day, British newspapers said Wednesday. They only realised their mistake three months later after they took a new car they bought with insurance money into the same garage for repairs. They found their old car waiting for them. And ironically there was nothing wrong with it - they had forgotten to fill the petrol

#### 'Tarzan boy' found iiving in squaior with dying pets

LONDON (R) - Police broke

into a house in Britain's "stock-broker" belt to find an 11-yearold mystery boy living in squalor with 80 dead and dying pets. Wednesday newspapers dubbed the child, who had waist-length mattted blond hair, the "jungle boy" and said his mother, 31, had kept him cooped up in a house of horrors in the well-heeled country of Surrey, south of London. "I find it mind-boggling that in 1991 someone can live like that for 11 years without the anthorities knowing," local Social Services Director Graham Gate-house said. Police went to the house on an unrelated matter and found the woman and boy living amid a menageric of sick and dead pets. Hundreds of mice scavenged in piles of rotting rub-bish. Neighbours said they had been too frightened of the mother to report the boy's existence to authorities. The woman and boy. who were not named, were taken

### East Timor governor joins doubters of official toll

DILI, East Timor (R) - East Timor's civilian governor and an Indonesian Catbolie Chnreb group have questioned the official version of the army shooting on Nov. 12, which sparked an international outcry. The government says only 19 people were killed when troops

fired on mourners at a cemetery in Dili nearly three weeks ago. But Governor Mario Viegas Car-rascalao said he was sure that figure would change.
"I am sure it will... I have a

"Many people questioned why

the army killed so many people.

It happened at the gate of Santa Cruz Cemetery, which was far

away from the place where the

two soldiers were stabbed. If that

was for defence were that many

victims necessary?" the group

said in a statement.

feeling that I saw a number of cornses in a truck but 1 don't have any experience in counting he told reporters Thursday night. Some reports have put the

death tool as high as 80.
The Indonesian Bishops' Conference, which recently returned from the predominantly Roman September the shuttle Discovery Catholic territory, said Friday also had to manoeuvre on short accounts from witnesses it met were very different from the offi-

Mr. Engelauf said space debris was of great concern. "There are all sorts of bolts and

than 7,000 man-made items orbiting within 1,200 miles (1,900 kilometres) of Earth, the region It also suggested that troops had planted weapons on youths who had hidden in a church after earlier riots in Dili.

While the army says its troops shot to defend themselves from a dangerous mob after an officer was stahbed, several witnesses said troops launched an unprovoked attack and fired into the crowd for several minutes.

Jakarta has sent an investigation ommission headed by Supreme Court Judge Djaelani to the former Portuguese colony it annexed in 1976. On Friday the judge met East Timor Bishop Carlos Belo.

"The bishop has given us information which is useful for the commission. That is all 1 can say. You all know that I cannot di-vulge the details," Judge Djaela-m told reporters as be left Bishop

Belo's residency.
Opponents of Indonesia's rule of East Timor have said they will

boycott the enquiry. Diplomats say many Timorese may be too frightened to speak out despite assurances by the local military commander of no victimisation. "It is the same as asking Pol Pot to investigate human rights abuse by the Klamer Rouge," said the Lisbon-based spokesman for

a broad opposition alliance of

rebel guerrillas and clandestine

## imposed if an Indonesian inquiry

and we are going to boycott them," he told Reuters. Indonesia invaded East Timor

Indonesia has rebuffed calls for an international investigation and will be fair and objective.

three weeks. Local sources stay other wounded are too afraid to seek medical help.

ACTU, the umbrella body of Australia's labour movement, rejected calls by some unions to launch a full scale campaign of industrial action against Indone-

But it said sanctions might be

The Australian government has said it believed 75 people were killed when Indonesian soldier opened fire. About 179,000 Australian tour-

into the killings proved unsatis-

ists visited Indonesia in 1990 about 85 per cent going to the resort island of Bali. ACTU said it would call on

members to actively support a day of mourning across Australia on Dec. 7, anniversary of Indonesia's annexation of East Timor in "On that day, as a mark of

solidarity, no ships or planes flying the Indonesian flag will be rviced," it said in a statement. Unions in the state of Victoria have pushed for national bans against Indonesia's national airline. Garuda, and other Indonesian interests in Australia.

ACTU said it would further review trade sanctions after an assessments of the Indonesian inquiry, an investigation by the United Nations and a visit to Indonesia by Foreign Minister Gareth Evans.

"In this context, the ACTU is prepared to consider putting in place in the future a co-ordinated range of national bans..." it said. into local authority care.

KARACHI (R) - Five people, including three policemen, were killed and eight were wounded when gummen fired on a roadside teahouse in Pakistan's commercial capital Karachi, police said Friday. The killings happened Thursday night when four gunmen on motorcycles rode up to the teahouse in Baghdari frequented by police and sprayed it with automatic fire. Police said they did not know the motive for the killings or who was responsible. The attack followed a two-day purge of supporters of the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) during which hundreds of activists have been detained across the southern province of Sind. Baghdari is in the parliamentary constituency of Asit Ali Zardari, busband of opposition leader Benazir Bhuto. He has been in jail for more than a year while standing trial on several charges, including plotting the killings of over 20 of the PPP's political foes

#### worries U.S.officials HOUSTON (R) — A near-miss between the U.S. manned shuttle Atlantis and an old Soviet rocket has prompted U.S. space chiefs to look for new ways of averting

catastrophic collisions caused by man-made junk in space.

"There is a concern and we are looking at upgrading our ability to track space debris," Steve Nesbitt, spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), said Friday. The Atlantis had to make an

emergency swerve on Thursday to avoid colliding with the re-mains of Cosmos 851, a Soviet booster rocket believed to have been launched in 1976.

The U.S. space command in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which operates the space surveillance network, flashed a warning to the Johnson Space Centre in Houston that a near-collision

would occur within 11 hours. The warning said the rocket would be about 1.5 miles (24 kilometres) above the Atlantis at

its closest approach. Given the uncertainty of tracking abilities... I took the conservative approach and made the decision (to swerve)," fleet Director Phil Engelant said. Controllers quickly computed a

course change and within an

hour, Atlantis's crew was ordered

to fire the craft's rocket motors. With the Atlantis orbiting at nearly 18,000 mph — a collision would have been catastrophic.
"We fired the retrograde rockets for seven seconds, which slowed us (the Atlantis) down

and kept us from running towards the object," Mr. Engelauf said. It was the seconds straight mission on which a shuttle had to make an unscheduled change of course because of space junk. In

nuts, up there that can do us damage," Mr. Engelanf said. The United States tracks more containing the most-used orbits.

"There is a climate of terror in the capitla Dili. No one is going to speak to these investigators

after Portugal withdrew its coloistration, leaving the territory of 750,000 people in the hands of the leftist and pro-independence Fretilin Movement. The United Nations does not recognise Jakarta's annexation.

insists its seven-man commission The 89 said to be the total number wounded in the shooting are still in hospital after nearly

Meanwhile, the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) said Friday it would encourage Australian tourists to boycott Indonesia to protest against recent killings in East Timor.

sian interests.

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Doomsday ciock

changed world

CHICAGO (R) — The keepers of the Doomsday Clock reset its

it is now safer from nuclear war

than at any time since the end of World War II. The directors of

the bulletin of atomic scientists.

the publication that created and

maintains the symbolic clock

pushed the minute hand back to

17 minutes before midnight —

the hour that represents nuclear

holocaust. It is the farthest away

from midnight the hand has ever

been in the clock's 46 years. Even

more symbolic, perhaps, is that

the clock depicts only the last 15

minntes of the hour, and the

minute hand is now two minutes

outside that range. "The world

magazine announced in an edito-

rial. "The cold war is over. The

40-year-iong East-West nuclear

arms race has ended. The illusion

that tens of thousands of nuclear

weapons are a guarantor of

national security has been strip-

ped away." Until Tuesday the hand had been at 10 minutes to

Major named U.K.,

worst-dressed man

LONDON (R) — A fashion

magazine ribbed Prime Minister

John Major for reputedly tucking

his shirt into his underpants and

named him Britain's worst-dres-

sed man. 'The suit wears him and

be will never live down the under-

pants," Arena magazine said in naming Mr. Major "the greyest of them all" in its League of Britain's 20 worst-dressed men.

Mr. Major fu: poked at his fashion style and his office had no

comment on the latest broadside.

The British Shops and Stores

Association recently branded his

CHEMNITZ, Germany (R) -Lutz Dombrowski, the 1980

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